

**MEDFORD**

(By Bliss Heinie)

Last Wednesday evening the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held a Christmas tree for their children in their hall on Sixth street at which the following program was rendered and enjoyed by the many present: Talk on Christmas, its origin and purpose, by Professor Hanby; Christmas carols, by the children led by Mrs. Turner with Mrs. Boardman at the piano; opening speech, Miss Shirley Roseberry; song, Margaret Bateman accompanied by Mrs. Meeker; reading by Donna Calder; song by Eileen Pierson accompanied by her mother; whistling solo by Mrs. Goddard, accompanied by Mrs. Meeker; piano solo by Allen Rogers; Charleston dance by Alice Walton, accompanied by Orin Parker; reading, Doris Millard; song, Mary and Venita Roseberry, accompanied by Helen Williams; reading by Ruby Hall; piano solo, Laura May Goddard; reading, Helen Walton; piano solo, Pearl Bateman; feature dance, Adrian Edwards; a story by Josephine Waldron piano solo, Helen Williams, song by Elde Johnson, accompanied by Orin Parker; piano duet, Orin Parker and Miss Berger; closing speech, Mary Roseberry; talk to the children by Santa, who then with the aid of three assistants distributed candy, nuts and oranges to the children. The assistants were in clown costumes.

John Mendenhall of Portland has joined the force of the George A. Hunt company, owners of the Craterian and Rialto theatres, as assistant to the advertising department. Mr. Mendenhall was formerly with the Jensen & Von Herberg company. He has had 15 years experience in the theatre line and comes to Medford highly recommended.

Jackson county was recommended for the \$2400 class of assessor's pay by the state tax investigating committee last week at Salem.

The Medford Center building was sold last week to a syndicate of San Francisco financiers for a sum said to be in excess of \$200,000. The deal was closed by W. H. Leverette, local realtor. Occupants of the building will continue their business as in the past and alterations will be made to accommodate more tenants.

Babe Ruth, famous home run hitter, passed through Medford last week on his way to California. He is on the Pantages vaudeville circuit. Gertrude Ederle, English channel swimmer, also passed through Medford recently.

An immense municipal Christmas tree was set up in the city park and beautifully decorated with electric lights and ornaments.

Several of the churches held their Christmas entertainments on Thursday evening of last week with good attendances.

Snow at Crater Lake has passed the one hundred inch mark.

The authorization and station letters were received last week by the Mail-Tribune-Virgin radio broadcasting station and a test program broadcast Sunday evening with the cantata "The Christ Child" was presented by the Christian church choir. This station will be known as station KMED (the last three letters signifying Medford) The formal opening took place later in the week with the Craters club in charge of the program.

Christmas eve and Christmas night many social dances were held throughout the valley including Walker's dance in the Medford building, which hall was handsomely decorated so as to give the impression of dancing on a roof among the chimneys heavily laden with snow and the orchestra setting in a huge chimney; a masquerade at the old time dance held in the W. O. W. hall; a masquerade by the Eagles lodge which lasted 'til the wee sma' hours in the morning; the Night Hawks dance at the Oriental Gardens, and the big dances at Eagle Point and Applegate.

Crater Lake Chapter No. 32, Royal Arch Masons last week elected the following officers for the coming year: High Priest, A. G. Bishop; king, I. E. Shuler; scribe, H. D. Powell; C. H., C. M. Huston; P. S., C. C. Furnas; R. A. C., E. L. Lemox; M. third veil, John L. Demmer; M. second veil, A. H. Willetts; M. first veil, R. W. Wilson; treasurer, J. A. Perry; secretary, F. E. Nichols; chaplain, H. A. Hull; tyler, F. M. Cerliss.

Leonard Brown, well-known graduate of the Medford high school of six years ago next spring, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. Mr. Brown, after graduating from Medford high spent four years at Coe college, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is now in his second year at San Anselmo Theological Seminary, the Presbyterian school on the coast for students for the ministry. Mr. Brown's subject was "The Majesty of God" which was well received by his many friends present.

Medford merchants have been warned to be on the lookout for attempts to pass Mexican paper money which is said to be worthless, for United States money, some being recently passed in Portland as a substitute for United States currency.

**SAMS VALLEY**

(By Correspondent)

The patrons of the Sams Valley school are indignant over the fact that Gold Hill is trying to take our high school away from us against our wishes. Sams Valley has her high school and has worked hard to get it. Now why not keep it. People who look at the right side of the affairs can see no object whatever in sending our pupils to Gold Hill as we have standard high school and good capable teachers.

The Misses Ruth and Grace Bigham and Naoma Magruder, all students at the Ashland normal school are spending Christmas and New Years' with their parents in Sams Valley.

This Christmas is the first real Christmas we have had for several years as the ground was white on Christmas morning. We have had several little snow storms this last week, but the ground being so wet the snow melted almost as soon as it after effects of Christmas. Most of us are in the same boat. We ate too much dinner.

The program presented by the school children at the school auditorium Thursday evening was enjoyed by an enormous crowd. Everyone was well pleased both with the program and the treats on the Christmas tree, afterwards the little tots were delighted with Santa Claus and his manner of appearing.

Miss Elsie Straus is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Straus.

The Grange officers for the coming year are as follows: Master, Albert Strauss; overseer, Emmett Nealon; lecturer, Mrs. Geo. McDonough; chaplin, Thomas Pankey; steward, S. S. Abbott; assistant steward, Hershel Harper; gate keeper, Max Schultz; secretary, Geo. McDonough; treasurer, Paul McKinnis; Ares, Catherine Koger; Pomona, Gladys Schutz; Flora, Dona McDonough; lady assistant steward, Bessie Fredenburg.

The next regular grange meeting falls on New Year's day. There will be a big basket dinner at noon for all grangers and families and friends. The installation of officers will take place in the afternoon. Everyone is looking forward to a very enjoyable day and we feel sure they will

not be disappointed.

The O. T. Wilson family were pleasant callers at the Geo. McDonough home Sunday afternoon.

Several Table Rock residents attended our Christmas program on Thursday night.

Ray Holst, a student at O. A. C. is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holst.

Miss Margaret Rhodside, one of our high school teachers is spending her vacation with her parents at Redmond.

Brother Geo. McDonough had a bit of good luck Monday morning when he trapped and shot a large coyote. This is the second one in a short time and he feels justly proud of his success.

**WILLOW SPRINGS**

(By Correspondent)

A very pleasant evenings entertainment was given to the people of the Willow Springs community Thursday, Dec. 23 at the school house. The teachers and children gave a Christmas play and afterwards Santa Claus distributed bags of candy, nuts and oranges to all the young folks.

Orvil Marguess and wife were guests at the M. F. Young home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anders had their children and grand children with the mfor a Christmas reunion Sunday. Those present were Mortey Anders and wife, Raymond Anders and wife of Klamath Falls, Chester Anders and wife of Medford, and Mrs. Kidwell and children of Ashland.

B. M. Bush had the misfortune to get kicked by his Ford car last Thursday evening and has been nursing a fractured wrist for a Merry Christmas.

**GOLD HILL ITEMS**

(By Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. White and two boys left Wednesday before Christmas for a holiday stay with friends and relatives at St. Helens and Vernonia down in Columbia county. The Whites were formerly from Vernonia to Gold Hill. Mr. White is proprietor of the City Meat Market at Gold Hill, while his family lives at Medford. Mr. White is one of the stockholders of the Kelmarpet mine at Gold Hill, and interested in other mine properties in the Gold Hill district.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Wharton late of the Gold Hill News, are visiting his father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Wharton out from Hillsboro, down in Washington county. The Whartons left by auto the day before Christmas and was accompanied by Emogene Starns. The Rev. Wharton was formerly pastor of the M. E. church at Gold Hill.

Considerable interest is still manifested at the community church in Gold Hill under the pastorship of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson the Medford evangelists, who have been so kind to give their services to this church. They have been attending the morning Bible school before church services each Sunday and are rendering much needed services to the school.

The Hi-Way cafe next door to the postoffice building in Gold Hill has again changed hands, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moulten retiring. Mrs. Millie Bunn and old-time resident of Sams Valley is the new owner. The Moulten are leaving this week for Portland and other Willamette valley points for an extended visit with relatives. On their return to southern Oregon they will probably take up their residence at Crescent City.

Mr. Chas. F. Carter, who has been engaged in blacksmithing at Gold Hill the past twenty-five years and several years at Sams Valley before coming to Gold Hill, has retired and has leased his building and sold his equipment and stock to W. E. MaHaffey a new comer to Gold Hill. The new owner is an experienced mechanic and has already commenced business at the old Carter stand. Mr. Carter will continue his home on Garden Row at Gold Hill and is

reported will engage in gold mining in this district.

**TOLO ITEMS**

(By Correspondent)

Mrs. Loil Hamstreet of Sheridan, Ore., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Whetstone Monday. Mrs. Hamstreet was called here by the serious illness of her father, Wm. S. Hazelton, who is a neighbor of Mr. Whetstone. Mr. Hazelton was taken to Medford to the hospital over a week ago. We are glad to announce that he is slightly improved at this writing.

A crew of Copeco workmen are now busily engaged in putting in new electric poles from the highway to the Kirtland farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Slagel have as their guest, their daughter and family of Talent, who came down to spend the holidays.

Quite a little snow fell in this section Saturday, Christmas day, which covered the ground for some little

time and the children enjoyed it very much to see a white Christmas.

Miss Frances Sparrow is home to spend the vacation period. Miss Frances is attending school at Ross, Cali. This is her first visit home since going the first of September. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sparrow of the Kirtland farm.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waltermire at their home on Dec. 24, twins, a daughter weighing 8 1/2 pounds and the son, 6 1/2 pounds which passed away at birth. The many friends of Mrs. Waltermire will be pleased to know that mother and daughter are doing fine. Dr. Holt was the attending physician.

The school gave a delightful program Thursday afternoon which was enjoyed by all present. There was also a Christmas tree which was greatly enjoyed by all the children. The program was a great credit to both the teachers and pupils. After the program the school closed until January 3.

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