

Local Happenings

Gene Reames and Leota Reames of eastern Oregon are home spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reames.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Ward Davis and two children of Salem are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richardson.

The Woman's Relief corps will hold their annual installation dinner at the grange hall Saturday, January 2.

Frank Knutzen and Wm. Kinsman of Thompson Creek delivered turkeys to the Half Moon company Tuesday and patronized our local merchants.

Vern Coker, who is employed by the Pennington Battery service in Medford, is confined at his home with a bad case of the flu. His brother Tom is taking his place while he recovers.

A party of the local young people consisting of the Misses Roberta Reames, Lola Hood, Merle Hedgpath and Orvin Cooksey, Edwin Martin and Melford Hood journeyed to Union Creek last Sunday.

Bob Dietrich and Clarence Kernine of Medford were visiting friends in this city Sunday afternoon.

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Walter Painter left Tuesday evening for Sacramento. Word was received by him that his brother, Albert, was seriously ill.

Eugene Reames is spending the holidays with his parent, Mrs. E. E. Reames.

Miss Mildred Burger accompanied by Mr. Joe Mayer arrived in this city Monday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott. Miss Burger is employed by a large corporation in Los Angeles where she has lived for the past two years. Mr. Mayer is a radio technician in that city. They will return to the southern city after the holidays.

Everett Scott is suffering from a case of blood poisoning in his left hand.

Mrs. L. N. Swartz, who was suffering from a severe case of pneumonia, is recovering slowly. At this writing she is said to be out of danger.

John Ross has been busy making repairs on the building next to Jack Lee's garage. John is preparing a shop in which to spend the rainy days of the coming months.

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Mrs. William Warner left Wednesday on the train for Portland to spend the holiday season with her two daughters. She will not return until after new year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cochran arrived Tuesday from California to eat Christmas dinner with Mr. Cochran's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran, and make an extended visit.

Mrs. Mattie Parker left on the train Tuesday for Portland to spend Christmas and new year's with relatives. She stopped at Roseburg to visit a day with her cousin.

Major Morris of Medford paid his sister, Mrs. Al Hermanson, a visit this morning.

Thomas Olson, who has been employed at Keno, Klamath county, for several months, is home for the winter, at least. He is making some decided improvements on his property in northeastern part of town, one of which is connecting up with the sewer, making his house thoroughly modern.

Mr. W. Louthian, representing the Hunt, Hatch and company, packers and shippers of fruits, vegetables and poultry, San Francisco, arrived here Saturday and bought and shipped 10 cases of dressed turkeys Monday. He paid cash for the birds, which seemed to please the producers.

TO TRADE—Two 2-year-old heifers for hay, or will sell reasonable. Cassid, Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Eddy spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bilderback of Pitt View Acres.

Luther Hazelwood and Mr. and Dale Carr came up from the former's ranch at Wilderville to eat Christmas turkey with home folk.

J. D. Watkins, representing the Half Moon fruit and poultry commission house of San Francisco, shipped out between 25 and 30 thousand pounds of Christmas dressed turkeys from here and Medford Saturday and Monday. Mr. Watkins has been buying here for this reliable house for the past six years, and he and his firm have made many friends among the turkey and chicken raisers. He will be here again next year and, as usual, will pay the highest possible prices.

One of the most pleasurable lodge affairs of the pre-Christmas season was that of the Christmas party given by the Security Benefit association at the A. O. U. W. hall last Thursday night for the families of the order. About 50 were present. A Christmas tree handsomely decorated was one of the pleasing attractions, and thereon was a suitable present for every member of the family. A supper was served, consisting of coffee and cake and many other good things. In addition, a splendid and entertaining program was presented. That all had a most enjoyable time is evidenced by the late hour arrived before those present departed for their homes.

Banker Theo. Tollefson has enhanced the appearance of his beautiful home by cutting down a few of the many shade trees and making other changes.

Students Faber and Head are here to spend the holidays with parents and their many friends.

Gerald Morningstar is home to spend the holidays with his parents, brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Fleischer, high school teacher was quite ill the latter part of last week and Monday of this week, necessitating her giving up teaching on those days. She is on duty again.

Tom Olson, who has been working at Keno for several months, arrived home last week and may remain here permanently, as his friends hope.

Ike Fridgegar, wholesale dealer at Ashland, was calling on merchants here Tuesday.

Mrs. George Fox and daughter Geraldine of Medford, formerly of this city, spent Monday in town calling on old friends.

Finger Waves, 75c. Marceles, \$1.00. Permanents, \$5.00. Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays—Shampoo, Finger Wave or Marcel, \$1.00. Thursdays and Fridays, plain Facial, \$1.00. See our beautiful new Hair Ornaments. Bowman Barber Shop and Beauty Parlor, 195 W. Main. Phone 57, Medford, Ore.

The Carnation club met at Martha Smith's home Wednesday, December 16, and spent the day, a covered dish luncheon being enjoyed at noon. The kiddies enjoyed a Christmas tree with presents and candy being distributed in the afternoon. The ladies also exchanged gifts. Those present were Martha Smith, Donna Brenner, Lois Richardson, Rose Hodson, Alta Kelly, Verona Schaler, Zella McDeath of Phoenix, Zora Dubbs of Grants Pass. Our visitor for the day was Mrs. Harry Wright of Butte Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens of Rogue River were trading in this city Monday.

State Official Remembers Friends

L. M. Sweet, of the Sams Valley grange this week received the following letter from State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman:

Salem, Ore., Dec. 25, 1931.
Mr. L. M. Sweet,
Sams Valley Grange
Beagle, Oregon.
In harmony with Yuletide custom Mrs. Holman joins me in wishing you and yours a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

RUFUS C. HOLMAN
From our guide to etiquette—Never find fault with your wife in public. It is not only bad form but she may turn the tables on you.

The spirit of Christmas is reflected in the decorations on Main street.

Retrenchment Is Demanded in School Affairs

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hesitate to condemn, unreservedly, what I call political manipulation of this official department by its personnel. Personally, I have no antipathy for the incumbent, but the murmurings of resentment expressed with methods of dealing with many teachers and the private affairs of some districts impels me to the candid opinion that this department needs less politics, more retrenchment and an ethical renovation. Sometimes a change of aesthetic supervision in a department works wonders for the public weal, although it sometimes necessitates a practical course of domestic science and home demonstration and keeping the home fires burning by the victim, while hubby brings home the bacon.

Personally I hesitate to refer to teaching as a profession, much rather desiring to think of it as a deeper, finer, instinct of inspirational calling. The former appeals to me as only a result for monetary remuneration, rather than formulating of mental, moral and physical uplift and growth so absolutely indispensable in development of manhood, womanhood and reverence for nature and its God. Without a spirit of ability to create within the pupil these inward elements of spiritual fitness teaching, in the back alley slang of the day, becomes nothing more than A JOB. What father or mother cares to think of delivering a child into the custody of one simply courting a job? What teacher would dare place an application simply upon the theory of desiring a job. What director would think of employing a teacher upon his or her ability to hold down a job? I often recall a memory of one of the keenest, brightest, loveliest characters I ever met, a lady teacher in the New York normal teachers training school, who always cast teacher and preacher into the same role, with the superlative accent upon the former, because of the fact that the former was in more constant touch and contact with the pupil and therefore must leave a greater impress in molding the character and mind. I shall never forget those coal black eyes that sparkled like diamonds set in gold when she elucidated the contrast of teachers with a profession, a calling or a job. It might be well for some teachers when playing the political pincushion role to stop and ask, "which am I?" When the minimum wage for teachers was enacted into law in Oregon we thought it a fine thing, but when a political machine is concocted and perfected to make the sky the maximum wage and force its adoption, we predicted someone was posing for a fall.

With three normal schools turning out teachers, four to the school, it will not be so bad if teachers begin to realize that the average net income of the Oregon farmer is but two month's pay for the average teacher. What must the answer be? Many districts are already bankrupt, taxes unpaid and general demoralization stalking relentlessly at many doors. Many districts throughout the state have suspended schools for lack of funds and an antiquated, obsolete system of taxation robs the future guardians of our state and nation of an opportunity to enjoy the emoluments of the first fruits of a victory of protection from the agrarizations of a sordid, vicious, merciless inequality system of greed and avarice over that which God so loved that He created him in His own image. The standard of living so hypocritically flaunted in defense of salary stability is an insult to intelligence, human freedom, love of country and allegiance to its country, its God and its flag.

The standard of living is only emulated in the inner life of citizenry striving coequally to render to God and man services bought with blood, not a paltry price. The day is dark, indeed, when the wage scale marks the value of a teacher to a community irrespective of what the physical, mental and moral surroundings of the pupils might be. A short time ago we heard a director lament a sermon of sobriety over the \$100 monthly wage paid a teacher in his district, while records show the taxpayers show a 50 per cent delinquency for the past three years.

The sermon on the mount becomes as tinkling cymbals and sounding brass when it comes to bequeathing a \$25 raise in wages to a poor downtrodden school teacher, while those who must pay the bill or abdicate their home reveal in the luxuries of these four more years of Hoover moratorium.

Yes, maintain the standard of living for salary grabbers and tax jumpers even though children go scantily clad and underfed.

Let us pause and reflect, dear

teachers, which is most to be desired, a calling or a job? Honor, fairness, justice and love of human equality must prevail lest public sentiment give way to public resentment, and then behold the profession, calling and the job.

A merry Christmas to you and your staff, Mr. Editor, and all your readers, and may heaven's richest and choicest blessings attend you and them throughout this holiday season.

The Churches

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
D. E. Millard, Pastor
Bible School and morning worship, 10:00 o'clock.
Christian Endeavor, 7 o'clock.
Junior Choir, 4 o'clock, Thursday.

THE FEDERATED CHURCHES
J. M. Johnson, Pastor
You are most cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. Our Bible school opens at 9:45 a.m. and we are prepared to place you in a class where you will soon feel at home. The Bible is our textbook, and we invite your prayerful cooperation in making it known to others.

Our young people's services will give all young people an opportunity to cooperate in Christian service, and in studying the Scriptures. Services begin at 6:30 p. m.

The sermon next Sunday morning will deal with the goodness of God in His wonderful provisions of grace and material needs during the past; and His promises for the future. The evening service will be a Christmas musical program given by the choir. The installation of the officers of the young people's society will be held in the auditorium beginning at 7:15 p. m.

The Church of Christ meets every Sunday on West Main street, Central Point. You are welcome.
10:30 a. m. Regular worship.
7:30 p. m. Preaching.

Resident of Central Point Dies at Home

Mrs. Marie Mesnage passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andrea Chomel of this city at an early hour Wednesday morning, due to infirmities of old age.

She was a native of France, having been born at Crouais, France, March 22, 1843, and was aged at death 88 years. The family came to Canada in 1901, living there for 26 years, and for the past four years have made their home in Central Point.

Mrs. Mesnage was the mother of eight children, three of whom survive her, Mrs. A. Chomel, Miss R. Mesnage, Mrs. G. Paudois of Central Point; also three grandchildren. One of her deceased sons was a priest of Winnipeg, Canada. He contracted pneumonia while calling on the sick, and her other son was killed in action during the late World war.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Sacred Heart Catholic church Saturday, December 26, at 9 a. m. Father Francis W. Black officiating. Interment will take place in the Jacksonville cemetery. Prayers will be held at the Perl Funeral home Friday evening at 7:30 p. m.

No Fights

"How has this result been accomplished? The mayor and council operated. An examination of the minutes of the city council for a period dating back 10 years will reveal not more than six negative votes. The mayor and council have always discussed the various measures coming before them in the spirit of service to the town, and when votes were cast

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CHRISTMAS

Rogue River Out of Debt; Bonds Paid

The red flag of bonded indebtedness no longer waves over the city of Rogue River.

Twenty years ago today the little city, known then as Woodville, voted to spend \$12,000 on a city water system. This month they have paid off the last of these 12 bonds and are now free of all indebtedness. At first it was felt that the city should sponsor a celebration to mark the end of bond payments, but it was decided to use any energy which could be devoted in that direction to helping out unemployed. Mayor J. M. Whipple said yesterday.

Letter Given
"On December 22, 1911, the town of Woodville, situated about halfway between Grants Pass and Gold Hill, in Jackson county, after going through the preliminaries incident to such proceedings as established by statutes made and provided, let a contract for the installation of a water system for the town.

"In due course of time and the usual adjustments, the contract was completed. Bonds were issued and sold, the contractor was paid and the good people have had good water on tap ever since. We hope that like the brook "it will go on forever."

"But the matter of paying off those bonds; they got the habit of going on. Prohibition cut out the revenue from saloon licenses, so the interest on bonds was about all that the village could muster, beside other expenses incident to corporations. The 10 year time limit on those bonds passed into history without any of the principal being paid.

Bonds Sold
"Another election was called, other bonds voted and sold. From the proceeds of the sale the old bonds were taken up. But just prior to this action the little town on the Rogue took unto itself the name of Rogue River, and presto; neither one-tenth of those bonds nor interest have ever been defaulted, each succeeding year witnessing the payment in full of one bond and interest, until the entire amount is now in possession of the city officials, all marked paid.

"During the last two years the task has not been so easy, but the town has cut down every other expense, and by borrowing a small amount from the bank, the last bond has been paid.

"The citizens of Rogue River desire to tell the world they think that they are justifiably elated—so much so that at first thought a big celebration was planned to commemorate emergence of the city finances from the red. But further consideration of the matter induced them to forego such a plan at the present time on account of the expense involved. General indications just now are that our resources will be taxed to the limit to help the unfortunate through the winter; a big dinner therefore would be out of harmony with times.

"The mayor and council operated. An examination of the minutes of the city council for a period dating back 10 years will reveal not more than six negative votes. The mayor and council have always discussed the various measures coming before them in the spirit of service to the town, and when votes were cast

the result has always been unanimous. "Did some one ask why the town did not have the celebration and pay for it out of the governor's prize? Well, perhaps we were dreaming about that."

New Packing Plant To Open in January

Another industrial plant and payroll for Jackson county will be in operation January 15 when the Huber packing plant on the Sams Valley highway north of Medford begins operations. The plant represents an investment of \$50,000.

The new plant will enable the stockraisers of the valley to sell meat to the packers without the cost of shipping it. Local dealers also can purchase high class canned, dried and cured meats without paying freight on them, and will be a furtherance of the policy of "keeping the money at home."

Only the most modern of packing plant methods and equipment will be used in the new plant. G. C. Huber, builder of the plant, has been in the meat packing business all of his life. He will be assisted by G. M. Huber, and W. D. Huber, his sons.

Every phase of the packing business will be engaged in, even to by-product manufacturing, and all parts of the animals will be utilized. The final stage in using the parts of the animals that can't be eaten will be a fertilizer factory.

JUNCTION CITY—Eighteen communities have entered the one-act play contest sponsored by the Lane County Recreation and Dramatics association, according to Howard Dunn, the association president. Contests will be held during January and February, 1932. This association is one unit of the extension service work supervised by Gertrude Skow, home demonstration agent.

MEDFORD—Twenty-three extension projects in home economics are represented in the Jackson county program of work for 1931-1932. Foods and nutrition, child development, clothing, home management, recreation and dramatics and junior work make up this balanced program, which is carried forward in 32 communities by Mabel C. Mack, home demonstration agent.

Surprise party Is Given by Mrs. Kelly

A surprise party was given Friday evening by Mrs. Roy Kelly in honor of Kenneth Bood's twelfth birthday. Kenneth received many gifts. The evening was spent in playing games, after which refreshments of sandwiches, cake and chocolate were served. Those present were Wanda Hood, Bette Hill, Maxine and Neldagene Ayers, Millie McCard and Jean Hermanson, Bud Carr, Billie Grimes, Richard Jewett, De Armand Leigh, Homer Myers and Kenneth Hood.

The Courts DEEDS

Olaf and Elizabeth Olson to J. D. Skinner, southeast quarter of southwest quarter of southeast quarter and southwest quarter of southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 17, township 37, south of range 2 west.

W. P. and Ellen C. Morgan to E. and Cecil P. Pritchett, quit claim deed for part of lot 3, section 16, township 34, south of range 1 west.

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Xmas Greeting

AND WISH YOU A

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Central Point, Oregon

Central Point Business Directory

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