

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FLOCKING TO ALBANY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH RELATIVES

Yule-tide Season in Hub City Will Be a Merry One; Shopping Is Now at Its Zenith; Postoffice Flooded With Heavy Mail and Force Is Working Overtime; Churches Will Have Special Exercises; Elks Lodge Will Be Host to Children Wednesday.

With hundreds of people pouring into Albany to spend Christmas with relatives and friends and the rush of shopping nearly at its end, the Yule-tide season will be enjoyed to the limit in this city.

Saturday evening the stores were taxed to their capacity with shoppers and the clerks were kept on the jump until a late hour, serving the belated purchasers. Never in the history of Albany has there been such a large volume of business during the holidays.

One of the busiest places in the city is the postoffice where postmaster Van Winkle and a force of over twenty employees have been working overtime during the past week handling the unusually heavy Christmas mail which consists for the most part of packages containing Christmas presents which are being sent to friends and relatives of local people residing in eastern states.

The number of packages being received and sent away, breaks all previous records in the local postoffice, and the mailing room contains a huge stack of them of all sizes and kinds. Despite the heavy mail, the force at the postoffice here has been able to keep up with their work, but it has required much labor on their part, and they will undoubtedly be glad when the rush is over.

Besides the great number of packages, post-cards by the hundreds are beginning to flood the mails and the next few days will see thousands of these little missives with their tidings of joy and gladness pass through the local office. The auto mail wagon was kept busy all day today conveying dozens of bags of mail to and from the railway stations.

Tomorrow evening, Christmas exercises will be held at many of the Albany churches where appropriate programs have been prepared and will be presented. Santa Claus will be on hand at several of the churches and will distribute presents to the boys and girls from beautifully decorated trees.

For several days, wagons loaded down with evergreens, holly, mistletoe, and Oregon grape have been

coming into the city from the country and hundreds of homes in Albany are now resplendent in their Christmas dress.

Prominent among those distributing Christmas cheer in this city is the Albany lodge of Elks which has arranged to supply food and clothing to the worthy poor and to help make Christmas bright in homes that would otherwise be cheerless.

The committee from the lodge, consisting of C. H. Burggraf, George Taylor and L. C. Marshall are desirous that the names of poor families to whom a visit from Santa Claus will be appreciated, be phoned to them at once, that they may notify Kris Kringle to stop there on his rounds about the city tomorrow night.

Not only will the Albany Elks distribute presents among the poor people but they have also leased the Empire and Dreamland theatres where on Christmas day all children living in this city who are 12 years of age and under, will be allowed to see the pictures free of charge.

The poor children of the city are especially invited to become guests of the Elks lodge on Christmas day. All children are asked to meet in the lodge room in the Elks Temple at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday afternoon.

Each child who attends will be given a present and all will be taken to the picture shows. This is open to every little boy and girl in Albany.

Nearly all of the hotels, restaurants and cafeterias in Albany have prepared special menus for Christmas dinner and are now receiving reservations for tables.

The photoplays have all ordered special films for their Christmas programs and "David Harum" will be presented at the opera house on Wednesday evening by a well known stock company.

All of the business houses of the city will remain closed Wednesday. No business will be transacted at the city or county offices on Wednesday and lake shops and meat shops will also be closed.

The Democrat will not be issued on Wednesday and the entire office force will observe the holiday.

HARVEY WALKER PASSED AWAY SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Well Known Albany Man Left a Wife and Several Children to Mourn His Death.

Harvey Walker for many years a resident of this city, passed away at his home Saturday afternoon, after being ill nine days with typhoid fever, leaving to mourn his death a wife and several small children.

The funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the family home, conducted by Rev. F. H. Geselbracht of the First Presbyterian church. Interment was had in the City cemetery.

The deceased was well known in Albany where he has lived for many years and leaves many friends to mourn his death. He was engaged in janitor work for many years and was a hard worker and will be sadly missed by his family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doughton have arrived from Littleville, Michigan, and expect to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Bernard Kavanaugh of this city.

Mrs. Fred B. Newton arrived this afternoon from Portland and will spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sox. Mr. Newton is expected to arrive tomorrow.

Miss Esthel Leach of the Oregon Agricultural College, arrived in Albany yesterday and will spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Leach of this city.

Judge and Mrs. T. A. McBride of Salem passed through Albany this afternoon to Corvallis where they will spend Christmas.

"EVER BEEN CONVICTED" AND THERE CLERK PAUSES

By Terms of New Order Clerks Must Ask Prospective Grooms Embarrassing Question.

Des Moines, Dec. 15.—It's mighty hard to ask this question: "Have you ever been convicted of felony and are you now out on parole?"

Deputies in the office of Joseph P. Maher, clerk of the district courts, began today to comply with the new order of the state board of parole—"Marriage of paroled convicts forbidden without consent of the board."

It's mighty hard to ask this question say the clerks, when a man steps up to the counter with his bride-to-be on his arm and asks for a marriage license. Somebody's feelings will be hurt most every day. They won't like the least suggestion of their being convicts. But it cannot be helped.

Two marriage licenses were issued this morning. Deputy Charles Horner waited on both young men. The first young man understood. He answered the thorny question in a matter of fact tone.

But the second young man did not understand. He had been arrested once for fighting. It angered him when he was asked: "Have you ever been convicted of a felony and are you now out on parole?"

"Say, what do you think I am? I'll have you understand that I am no criminal, I am—"

Deputy Horner stopped him and explained why the question was asked. The young man's ire cooled.

"I was arrested one time for fighting in the street and paid a fine, but that is not a felony," he said. "I beg your pardon. But I wouldn't want my little woman to know it."

When he had left Clerk Horner said: "We are going to offend and hurt many a person's feelings by that question. But it cannot be helped, I guess."

CITY NEWS.

Governor and Mrs. Oswald West will be hosts to the people of Oregon at a reception which will be tendered at the state capitol building on New Year's night, Jan. 1, in honor of former governors of Oregon and their wives or widows.

The fast football team of the Multnomah club of Portland defeated the all-star team of the Seattle Athletic club at Seattle on last Saturday by the score of 15 to 6. Walter Keck, formerly of the O. A. C., played the stellar role for Multnomah.

All day yesterday loads of fir trees and mistletoe were seen coming into the city from the country to be used in the homes and churches of Albany on Christmas. Oregon grape will also be used in large quantities in decorating the homes of this city.

Former Albany people are now beginning to arrive in this city to spend the Yule-tide season with friends and relatives and the next few days will see many familiar faces among the Christmas visitors to Albany.

Bishop Scadding of Oregon preached at the Episcopal church in this city yesterday morning. Bishop Scadding assured the members of the congregation that he was putting forth every effort to secure the services of a pastor for the Albany church and in the meantime the pulpit would be filled at least every other Sunday by a clergyman from some nearby parish.

The funeral of the late F. M. Pomeroy, a well known and highly respected citizen of Albany, was held yesterday afternoon at the family residence at 6th and Thurston streets. Dr. Geselbracht of the First Presbyterian church conducted the services.

"A NIGHT OUT" SCORES THE SECOND TIME

Saturday Night Performance a Good One; Home Company Deserved Larger House.

"A Night Out," played for the second time to a small but enthusiastic audience on Saturday night. The excellence of the production was deserving of better patronage.

Miss Gertrude Taylor made a hit as the mischievous darling little daughter of the professor. Miss Blanche Hammet was a close rival as the beautiful and exasperating young wife of a popular physician.

Mrs. Judge Kelly as the leading woman sustained a strong part as the exacting mother-in-law. Mrs. Caldwell the coach, though modestly taking a minor part, played with the usual easy grace of the professional and created a pretty role in Susan the garrulous house maid.

The young men from O. A. C. all showed ability and splendid training. Especially clever was the work of Mr. Stocker, the worried and overburdened professor whose hope "Night Out" in his whole career met with disaster. Mr. Joe Hallock who played the part of a shrewd, cunning theatrical manager, has a promising future in the histrionic world.

FAIR VOYAGER MAKES OCEAN LINER SMOKE

Assisted by Two Britons. Wife of a U. S. Official Depletes Stock of Cigarettes.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—At times on the homeward voyage of the steamship Persia, which arrived from the Orient yesterday, the vessel must have presented a strange spectacle to passing ships. Cloud after cloud of tobacco smoke must have gone up from the vessel, according to accounts given by passengers.

At least half a ton of cigars and cigarettes were in the ship's tobacco locker when it left the Far East, but there wasn't as much as a stub of either on the ship when it came into port. Likewise the liquid refreshments had disappeared.

Two reasons were assigned for the famine. Mrs. J. Q. Thompson of Washington, D. C., wife of an assistant United States attorney general, took a big share in the blame on herself, telling her fellow passengers that she was accustomed to smoking not less than sixty cigarettes a day.

Then Sir Douglas Brownrigg, a captain in the British navy attached to the British legation at Tokio, and Lieutenant D. Goff, also of the British navy, smoked heavily.

Taken together, as the skipper put it, "there never was such a smoky crowd on the ship in its history."

The passengers related that shortly after the vessel sailed from Yokohama Mrs. Thompson was smoking one of her usual cigarettes when a returning missionary who objected to women smoking took her to task.

"Why do you do it?" asked the missionary.

"That is my business," retorted Mrs. Thompson as she walked away still puffing.

Although the consumption of certain refreshments on the voyage was above the usual, it is said that the receipts of the steward's department showed little or no increase, for after the Peru arrived at the dock several passengers hastened away while excited Chinese steward boys searched vainly for them.

About a half hour after docking one of the Chinese with great indignation exhibited several bundles of "chits" with amounts totalling into the hundreds.

"Some man he like to drink em, but he no like to pay em," he moaned when he was stopped at the ship's gangplank, where a sturdy customs inspector prevented him from going on the dock after his creditor.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who assisted us during the illness and after the death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. F. M. POMEROY,
MR. AND MRS. PAUL SCHMIDT,
MR. AND MRS. W. H. ARMSTRONG.

Mrs. R. Kuhn of Lebanon who has been visiting relatives in Albany several days, returned home this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenks prosperous farmers residing near Tugent are spending the day here doing some shopping and having some dental work done.

Charles Ohling, a prominent student of the Willamette University, arrived in Albany Saturday evening to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Ohling.

Herbert Schroeder of Gates will arrive in Albany this evening where he will join Mrs. Schroeder and spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ellis and son of Portland arrived in Albany today and will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton of Seattle who have been visiting relatives in Albany for several days, returned home this morning. Mr. Hamilton, who is connected with the Standard Oil company, is a brother of

BENTON COUNTY PIONEER PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

Mrs. S. A. Blake Dies at Her Home Near Corvallis at the Age of 73 Years.

Mrs. D. A. Blake, a pioneer resident of Oregon, died at her home near Corvallis this morning of paralysis at the age of 73 years, leaving to mourn her death a husband and six children.

The children are Mrs. A. J. Hodges and Mrs. Ben Kirk of Albany; George and Henry Blake of Portland; E. A. Blake of Benton county, and Dr. W. E. Blake of Ashland.

The deceased has been a resident of Benton county since 1852 and was highly respected and leaves many friends to mourn her death.

The funeral services will be held Christmas day at the family home and interment will take place at Mountain View cemetery.

WOULD TAX LINGERIE IF WOMEN WEAR IT

County Official Is Dismayed to Learn That New Styles Preclude Lacy Frills.

Los Angeles, Dec. 13.—County Assessor Hopkins intimated today that he intended hereafter to assess women's lingerie, and published reports to that effect brought forth immediately the declaration that women of fashion do not wear lingerie. They wear silk tights.

Hopkins had heard that there were many wardrobes in Los Angeles that contained lacy, frilly things that cost up into the thousands and he thought these things ought to yield county revenue. But several fashionable modistes, supported by a number of society women, united in the statement "no such thing."

They said that the prevailing styles literally prevented the spending of thousands on intimate articles of feminine wear and they gave a schedule to wear out the statement.

Silk tights cost from \$5 to \$15. The only garment over the tights that will not spoil the clinging effect of outer drapery are silk slips, which cost from \$15 to \$60. The third article of the scanty present day fashionable outfit is the corset, costing from \$15 for the ordinary sort to the gold-clasped stays that retail at \$50.

And that is all. Hopkins said it was not much to assess.

"Great sale, eh?" commented the assessor agent. "Been a line in the lobby for several hours." "Same six people, though," explained the man in the box office. "Same people you saw an hour ago. The line is being held up by a lady who is thinking of buying a seat."—Washington Herald.

She bought a new electric hat. The finest one in stock. She wore a battery in her hat. The bill gave out a shock. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Are you still looking for your dog?" "Yes." "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" "What's the use? The dog can't read."—Pittsburgh Press.

That talk is cheap she used to think. But now she sees it puts a kink in one's bank roll. For she, poor soul, once met a friend and stopped to gab while riding in a taxicab. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Mrs. Nagg—Before I married you I didn't know you were so grouchy." Mr. Nagg—I wasn't.—New York Sun.

A diner once ordered ragout. And thought that he'd taste something new. But he heaved a sad sigh. When the waiter drew nigh. And he saw 'twas nothing but stout! —Life.

It was after the distribution of prizes at Sunday school. "Well, did you get a prize?" asked Johnny's mother. "No," answered Johnny, "but I got horrible mention."—Life and Labor.

Such geese are we to fear the dark. When spirts we discuss. That very often then we mark. Goose fish all over us. —Kansas City Star.

The Woman—My husband is forty today. You'd never believe that there is actually ten years difference in our ages.

The Man—Why, no indeed. I'm sure you look every bit as young as he does. —New York American.

Don't make a target of the sky. When you in trade embark. For you don't have to aim that high. To hit the dollar mark. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Darling, tomorrow is the anniversary of our wedding. How can I please you?" "Eat what I cook, beloved."—Satire.

How brave the youth of love to speak. Who gets, forsooth, but twelve a week! —Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Misses Crystal Shank and Margaret Smith, who have been attending the high school here, left Saturday for Kingston. They will visit relatives at Mt. Pleasant during the holidays.

IRENE BALE BRINGS SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Wife Alleges Desertion and Non-Support in Complaint Filed Here Today.

WIFE WANTS THE CUSTODY OF THEIR MINOR CHILD

Couple Were Married in Year 1904; Defendant Is Contractor and Builder

Claiming that her husband deserted her during the month of July of last year, Irene Bale today filed a complaint at the office of the county clerk in which she asks for a decree of divorce from her husband, Alfred E. Bale.

In her complaint the plaintiff alleges that she was married to defendant on October 6th, 1904, and as a result of the marriage one child was born. She claims that her husband deserted her during the month of July, 1911, and has since refused to contribute to the support of herself or child. She alleged that the defendant is a building contractor and able to make suitable provision for the support of herself and son. She asks for temporary alimony in the sum of \$200.00, attorney's fees in the sum of \$150.00 and a decree of divorce giving her the custody of the minor child. She is represented by C. C. Bryant.

ENGLISH CARRIER PIGEON CROSSES THE OCEAN

Record Flight Even if Bird Did Alight for a Time on Some Vessel.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—An English-bred carrier pigeon that escaped 12 days ago from the loft of Ernest Robinson at Westmount, Canada, has returned to England. It is not known if it flew clear across the ocean or was carried part of the way by ship.

If the bird flew the whole way, or even half the way, it beat all other authentic records for pigeon flights over water.

In November, 1910, a carrier pigeon alighted on the British oil tank steamer Narragansett, when the ship was 420 miles from Sandy Hook. There were two other pigeons in the air at the time, but they did not alight.

In October last a carrier pigeon that had flown out of R. K. Meade's loft at Philadelphia was found on the United States Army transport dock at San Francisco, but how it got across the continent was not learned.

In August, 1911, a pigeon flew from New Orleans to Baltimore in 11 days and 11 hours; and in July, 1909, a pigeon flew from North Bay, Canada, to Baltimore, 510 miles, in 9 hours and 17 minutes, an average speed of over 1,600 yards a minute.

MISFITS

Contributed by F. P. Nutting

The Ladies' Home Journal would have all the studying in the public schools done in the school room, none at home. It is declared that this can be done where studying is made the issue while in school, properly assisted by the teacher.

Have you got the holes in your stockings properly darned for Christmas? Santa Claus will have a full pack this year, and it will require strong ones.

J. P. Morgan has the distinction of being the money boss of the world.

After ten years a decision in a great trust case has been given. In the meantime the trust has filled its pockets until they bulge out.

It is a good thing to give on Christmas; but it is better to give all the year, not of material presents, soon laid aside, but of good deeds and acts of kindness.

In school work the great question is how to study, and the average pupil needs help in this.

A fool of a man back east, who wants to get some attention not to be secured otherwise, declares that in fifty years half the people will be insane, due to lack of use of the brain. As a matter of fact, people think as much as ever, only in different ways. There may be no Huxley and Spencer monstrosities, but there are many keen-edged things being written and said. Instead of more there should be less insanity in fifty years.

Instead of developing from a monkey they are people in the world who seem to have degenerated into monkeys.

The Misfit man has already received a couple of Xmas presents, a knife and a silver bodied lead pencil. Time doesn't need to turn backward in its flight.

ELEVEN CENTS A DAY ENOUGH FOR MEALS

Sound Advice Given to the Wife "Don't Contradict Husbands, Jolly the Brutes."

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—Eleven cents a day is enough for food, declares W. Earl Glynn, to the eastern branch of the Detroit Housewives' league.

"Don't contradict your husbands, jolly the brutes and feed them apples, butter milk, salad dressing with olive oil, onions, rice, raisins, figs and dates," he said. "Cut out the bouillon; it's a nice name for something dreadful. The table is the cause of more divorces than all the other things in the world put together."

"If you treat your husbands right, which means feeding them properly, they won't lose their jobs when they're 40. They'll live to be 100 at least, and be happy and active every minute of the time."

"I stopped having birthdays years and years ago when I was 40, but no one takes me to be a dry over 40 now."

"Your poor husbands work and work to get money to buy food that makes them old and decrepit."

"Any person who eats more than 11 cents' worth of food a day ought to be locked up—unless he just eats it for variety's sake."

EARL FORTMILLER WILL SING AT DREAMLAND TONIGHT

The management of Dreamland has been successful in securing the very popular baritone singer, Mr. Earl Fortmiller, to sing for two nights only.

Tonight he will sing "When the Moon Swings Low." Dreamland will also show a fine picture program, with two big comedies.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL MEET TONIGHT

The board of directors of the Albany Commercial Club will meet in regular session this evening. The matter of selecting delegates to the Oregon Irrigation Congress at Portland will be presented to the board and plans for the improvement of the Willamette river will be discussed.

George E. Sanders, local manager of the Pacific Telephone company, went to Tugent this afternoon where he will talk after business matters.

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MOTHERHOOD STRIKE IS WOMAN'S APPEAL

"Let Human Race Cease and Let Women Not Marry," She Says.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The women of Boston were called upon to join in what she termed the "motherhood strike" today by Miss Kate Barnard, commonly known as "Oklahoma Kate," in an address before the School Voters' League in Ford Hall today.

"Let the human race cease and let women not marry," said she. "Let them not think anything of matrimony but let them give their time and thought to the supreme question of the industrial conditions of mothers and children and what makes criminals."

"Think of the working mothers and expectant mothers working in the mills, poorly fed, not paid a sufficient wage."

"What can you expect of mothers and children who are forced to live on the earnings of making overalls for 40 cents a dozen and not able to make more than one dozen and a half a day? The neglect of motherhood and compelling people to live on small wages forces them into crime."

CONVICT IN PEN 7 YEARS NOW DECLARES INNOCENCE

Salem, Oregon, Dec. 22.—Declaring that he has nothing but forgiveness in his heart for the men who were instrumental in placing him behind the prison bars for the rest of his natural life, Andy Ingram, serving life imprisonment for the murder of a man named Dunlop in Grants Pass over seven years ago, now declares that his innocence has been proved and he is daily expecting that he will receive his freedom.

Ingram and A. E. Dodson were convicted of the murder of Dunlop. Dodson was sentenced to be hanged August 11, 1905, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment July 25, 1905.

The question of Ingram's innocence first arose when George W. Louth, a man sentenced to be executed for killing Mrs. Loretta Jones in Oregon City, made the assertion that Dodson had talked to him and had told him crime. Louth was reported as saying that Dodson had told him that Ingram was dragged into prison by Dodson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sanford of Roseburg spent Sunday in Albany visiting friends. While here they were guests at the St. Francis.

Dr. W. H. Davis returned home this afternoon from Lebanon where he has been on professional business.

Mrs. C. E. Jones and son Edward of Jefferson were doing their Xmas shopping in Albany today.

Charles Pfeiffer went to Portland this morning where he will spend Christmas with friends and relatives.