

DAN CUPID WORKS OVERTIME IN LINN

Eight Marriage Licenses Were Issued by County Clerk in Past Thirty-Six Hours.

JUDGE SWAN UNITES TWO YOUNG COUPLES YESTERDAY

Marks Says If Rush Continues He Will Be Compelled to Hire License Clerk.

That Dan Cupid is working overtime in this part of the Willamette Valley is indicated by the fact that during the past thirty-six hours County Clerk Marks and his entire force of deputies have been besieged by young people from various parts of the county who applied for licenses to wed.

Three couples reached the county clerk's office at the same time yesterday and County Clerk Marks and his deputies, Miss Daisy Savage and R. M. Russell, were all engaged at the same time issuing certificates.

Two of the couples desired to be married immediately and Judge Swan was telephoned for. He arrived at the temple of justice within a few minutes and proceeded to unite in marriage R. Ray Hicks and Miss Helen W. Miller, a well known young couple of Lebanon, and George Curtis of Brownsville and Miss Mabel C. Turndridge of Crabtree.

The other two couples who secured licenses to wed yesterday were Delos C. Pierce and Miss Jessie A. Miller of Crabtree and Albert L. Rogers and Bessie E. Huntley, both of Albany.

Today the county clerk's office had been open but a short time when a license was issued to George C. Miller, a young business man of Condon, and Miss Agnes Mae Gibbons of Shelburn. The bride-to-be is well known in this city where she was employed for nearly a year as a stenographer in the office of the Albany Abstract company.

Shortly afterward, Grover C. Nicewood and Miss Bertha Craft, a prominent young couple residing near Tangent, were given the document which gives them the right to become man and wife. Then came Arthur L. Cooley and Miss Lucy J. Lanning, two Lebanon young people, who made application for a marriage license which was granted them.

The fourth couple to secure a certificate today was A. O. Lefter and Miss Mabel D. Cole, both of Scio.

County Clerk Marks says that if applications for marriage licenses continue to come in as fast as they have for the past two days, it will be necessary for him to secure the services of someone to look after this branch of the work alone.

An interesting feature of the issuing of the marriage licenses yesterday is the fact that two of the brides bore the name of Miller and were no relation. They were Miss Jessie Miller of Crabtree and Miss Helen Miller of Lebanon.

Today George C. Miller of Condon applied for a license to wed Miss Agnes Gibbons whose sister also married a Miller, being the wife of Ex-County Clerk J. W. Miller of Shelburn.

Of the eight men to whom licenses were issued yesterday and today, four of them had the same initials, A. L. and "G. C." for their first and middle names; two of them were 28 years of age; two others were 22 years of age; one had just become of age; and two of them have the same first name, "George."

Of the brides, two of them had the same first name of "Mabel"; two were 18 years of age; two were 17 years of age; and two others were 20.

WASHINGTON AIDS THE KING FOR CABINET

Oregon Man Is Indorsed by Three States; Spokane Conference Vital.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special to Oregonian)—John Patterson, as Democratic National committeeman of Washington, today telegraphed to President-elect Wilson his official endorsement of W. R. King, of Portland, for Secretary of the Interior in the Democratic cabinet.

Pattison gave his endorsement to the Oregon man after a series of conferences that began in the morning and lasted all day. Patterson, R. H. Elder, National committeeman for Idaho; W. H. Cochran, Spokane, Democratic county chairman, and Charles H. Heifner, of Seattle, participated. Mr. Heifner is an aspirant for the same cabinet appointment and stopped in Spokane on his way east in his own behalf.

With Patterson's endorsement is included that of R. H. Elder, Democratic National committeeman for

ALBANY PASTOR SENDS HIS FRIENDS XMAS GREETING

Rev. D. H. Leech Issues a Neat Card Bearing Photo and Kindly Wishes for New Year.

The Democrat acknowledges receipt of a Christmas greeting from Rev. D. H. Leech, pastor of the First Methodist church, one of many which the pastor of that church has sent out to his congregation and his friends.

The greeting which is printed upon a neat card bearing a photo of Mr. Leech, reads as follows:

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the true meaning and happiness of the season be yours. May the Christ spirit enrich your life, and prompt you to still greater efforts for the blessing of others. Let us take the Christ Spirit with us into the New Year and through all the coming days, that we may live truly, and therefore happily. With all good wishes, D. H. LEECH.

FIRST EXECUTION IN ALBANY FOR YEARS OCCURED TODAY

Buff Leghorn and W. Orpington Sentenced to Death Were Beheaded by Officer.

The first execution in Albany for many years occurred early this morning at the Linn county jail. The event was unannounced, and there were no guests present, with the exception of the headman who performed his duties in silence.

No, Clara, it wasn't human beings that were executed, but a couple of choice chickens which had been fattened on the farm of Sheriff Smith and which were sentenced some time ago to be beheaded this morning.

The birds were killed in the woodshed of the county jail this morning by Sheriff Smith and will adorn the table of the officer tomorrow, accompanied by the usual trimmings.

XMAS SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT THE HOSPITAL

At St. Mary's hospital an early morning service will be held and the patients will be the recipients of little Christmas souvenirs and the usual delicacies of the season. There are no destitute cases at the hospital at the present time, but the charitable public will no doubt have a thought for the institution and the devoted sisters in charge as in past years.

NEW PASSENGER DEPOT OF ELECTRIC OPENS TOMORROW

The entire force of the passenger station of the Oregon Electric Railway company at this city are busily engaged this afternoon in moving into the handsome new depot building which has been under course of construction for the past few months and which has been completed.

Hereafter the new building will be used and passengers may now wait for their trains in one of the finest structures of its kind in the state of Oregon. The formal opening of the new building will occur tomorrow and the public is cordially invited to inspect the interior of the new station.

Agent Hoydar of the Oregon Electric is proud of his new headquarters and he has a right to be for the structure is certainly a handsome one and by far the best depot owned by the Oregon Electric in this state. The old shack at the corner which has been used as a depot since work on the new building was first commenced, will be torn down at once and the ground parked and planted to grass.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Flook of Salem are expected in Albany this evening to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westbrook. Mrs. Westbrook is their daughter.

A. F. Bestel of Roseburg was in Albany last evening stopping at the St. Francis hotel. He left for home today accompanied by his niece, Miss Jessie Standley, a popular coed at the O. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bishop of Lacombe arrived in Albany last evening and left this morning for Seattle, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Idaho, and John B. Sanford, Democratic National committeeman for California. The Utah and New Mexico party organizations have given King assurances of support and this was also tendered from Arizona until the National committeeman from that

KIDS TO SEE MOVIES AT EXPENSE OF ELKS

Hundreds of Youngsters Will Be Made Happy Tomorrow by Local Antlered Herd.

EVERY BOY AND GIRL 12 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER INVITED

Especially Invited Are the Tots Whose Parents Are Unable to Give Them Happy Xmas.

The lodge room of the Albany Elks will be a merry scene at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon when several hundred Albany kiddies, both boys and girls, of the ages of 12 years and under, will gather there and receive a present from the generous members of the local antlered herd.

The committee having the "Kiddies Christmas" in charge have made complete preparations for the little tots and there will be presents for all who come. Following the distribution of the gifts, the youngsters will be taken to the Empire and Dreamland photo-plays to see the "movies."

The Albany Elks have leased both theatres for the entertainment of the juveniles who will be royally entertained until 5 o'clock in the evening. Mothers throughout the city are urged to send their children to the lodge room tomorrow afternoon and let them take advantage of the generosity of the Elks who desire to make Christmas a merry one for the little tots.

Especially invited are the little boys and girls who do not have a chance every day to see a moving picture show and whose parents are not financially able to give them as enjoyable a Christmas as they would like to.

The children will be well taken care of and are sure to return home happy after a big afternoon.

HIS VERTEBRAE WAS WIRED TOGETHER; WILL RECOVER

Fireman Had Back Broken and Lower Limbs Paralyzed When Engine Upsets.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Surgeons at St. Mary's hospital today performed a daring operation in the hope of saving the life of George Wentz, a fire department driver, whose back was broken when his engine was ditched last night on the way to a fire. He was paralyzed from his arms down.

Dr. John A. Boger and his assistant, Dr. Samuel S. Kelly, laid open the spinal column, uncovered the backbone at the point of fracture and then removed several pieces of the vertebrae which had been crushed to splinters and which were pressing on the spinal cord.

Dr. Boger then ran a silver wire through the adjoining vertebrae and wired them together. Wentz was then strapped on a plaster cast, and after he came from the influence of ether all of his reflexes had been restored, showing that the pressure which had paralyzed him had been successfully removed.

The surgeons are confident that he will survive, although he will never be able to perform manual labor.

EDITORIAL THOUGHTS.

A gift is a mere token of esteem.

Kindly feeling cannot be figured in dollars and cents. It springs from the heart and not from the purse.

It is not the value of the gift, but the spirit in which it is given that brings gladness to the hearts of those who receive.

A remembrance from a child who spends his last penny to make glad the heart of a parent is more to be appreciated than the diamond necklace which comes from the millionaire.

The cheap and gaudy present which comes from the poor widow or orphan has a real and lasting value for it comes from the heart and has the indelible stamp of self sacrifice.

The greatest enemy of Ye Old Time Xmas spirit is the dollar sign.

The cheapest and most appreciated of all gifts is a smile. No man is too poor to indulge in it—some are too stingy.

Remember that tomorrow is Children's day. None but the unnatural parent would deny the child those little pleasures which by nature and custom, he has a right to expect.

It's better to give a coin with a smile than a twenty dollar gold piece with a scowl.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE SWAMPED WITH MAIL

Yesterday Was Record Day for Stamp Sales in History of Local Office.

OVER \$500 REALIZED FROM SALES IN ONE DAY

Postmasters and Clerks Working Overtime As Special Agent for Santa Claus.

Strange as it may seem, the busiest place in Albany during the past few days is an establishment which has never spent a dollar in advertising with the local papers and has thus proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that at least one business can be conducted successfully without the use of printer's ink.

The place referred to is the Albany postoffice. Swamped with Xmas letters and packages for thousands of patrons, Postmaster Van Winkle and his corps of assistants are sweating blood during these strenuous times but notwithstanding their labors manage to keep good natured even if the public is not unanimous in returning the compliment.

Yesterday was a record breaking day in the history of the Albany office, the total receipts for the stamp sales during the day being \$502.44, the largest ever made in any one day at the establishment of the office.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT THE U. P. CHURCH TONIGHT

Excellent Program Has Been Arranged; Children Invited to Attend.

The United Presbyterian Sabbath school has arranged a splendid program for tonight's entertainment at the church. Many new and novel features will be brought-out during "Santa at Miss Prim's."

All members and friends of the Sabbath school and church are expected to attend and a special invitation is extended to all children who attend no particular church. The following is the cast of characters: Rita, Lena and Tom—Leaders of the girls and boys. Billy Boy—Who wants to know; he is named Orville Fatte but rarely gets it. Vera Fatte—Orville's sister. Newsy Ned—Sells papers and supports his mother; finds aunt in Miss Prim.

Miss Prim—Proprietress of Miss Prim's Academy. Her ideas about Santa are peculiar. The Witch's Daughter—Who discloses two of the characters to Newsy Ned in a most peculiar manner.

Lipping Lou—Who derives great pleasure out of her inability to say "soft soap." Spirit of Love—Who changes things somewhat by her magic touch. Chorus—Boy boarders, baseball boys, sewing circle, and others. Big fat Santa Claus, the dream of the little folks, will be there every minute.

"SPUGS" GROW TO TWO THOUSAND IN A MONTH

Many Join in Campaign Against Useless Giving; Mrs. Belmont Author of Idea.

The spread of the Spugs is amazing, even to those who started it. When Mrs. August Belmont suggested the idea to an audience of working girls just one month ago, she and her friends had no idea that within a few weeks there would be 2,000 members enrolled in the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving.

They would have been surprised if any one had told them that inside of a month they would be joined by an ex-president of the United States, by fashionable club men and club women, by employers and workers in a dozen industries, by men and women in practically every state in the Union.

But that is precisely what has happened. Everybody seems to have heaved a sigh of relief at this chance to escape from the thrall of enforced Christmas giving. Even the people who can afford to make all the presents they want to are being influenced by it.

"I find it is making me more careful myself," said Mrs. Belmont. "I don't mean that I am going to cut down the number of my gifts, but I am putting more thought into their selection. And more freedom into their destination, too."

"With most of us Christmas has

NEW STOCK COMPANY ARRIVES IN ALBANY

"David Harum" Will Be Opening Bill at Opera House on Xmas Night.

The stock company which will make its headquarters at Albany for several weeks, playing in this city, Corvallis and other points in the Willamette valley, arrived at 12:45 last night. The members of the company come to Albany with excellent recommendations and the personnel includes the following well known names in the theatrical world: Mr. De Meine Seibert, Mr. Nat Holmes, Mr. Shirley McDonald, Mr. C. E. Strong, Mr. Robert Ingersoll, Mr. Bob Cohoon, Alice Lindley, Patsy Gray, Sadie Dean, May Ingersoll. The plays to be presented include "The Little Gypsy," "Sunday," "Jack's Wife," "When We were 21," etc. The company has its own scenic artist and the plays will be presented in first class shape in every respect. The prices will be within the reach of all, reserved seats 35c, gallery 25c. "David Harum" will be on the boards Xmas night and the management expects a large house.

WESTERN STAR GRANGE NO. 309 ELECTS OFFICERS

R. A. Hulbert Elected Master; Strong List of Officers for Next Year.

Western Star Grange No. 309 held an interesting meeting Saturday, Dec. 21st. The morning was devoted to the usual routine of business and some interesting talks were made by several members. In the afternoon the following officers were elected: Master, R. A. Hulbert; overseer, William Laubner; steward, Dent Stewart; assistant steward, Jed. Hulbert; Chaplain, Emma Hulbert; treasurer, Warren Hulbert; secretary, Lottie Hense; gatekeeper, Willie Laubner; Ceres, Elsie Montgomery; Pomona, Winnifred Ohling; Flora, Maud Withey; L. A. steward, Emma Laubner.

After election a good program was rendered. L. E. M., Correspondent.

24-LB. TURKEY WILL GRACE TABLE OF MAYOR GILBERT

One of the largest turkeys seen in Albany for many years is the one which will grace the Christmas table of Mayor Gilbert. The bird has been fattened with care at the farm of Councilman John H. Simpson and weighs exactly 24 pounds dressed. However, Mayor Gilbert has a family large enough to get away with it.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Special services will be held at St. Mary's church Christmas in commemoration of the birth of the Saviour. The service known as Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock. General communion will be administered at the service and the pastor will address the congregation. Following this service the Mass of Daybreak or the "Aurora" will be celebrated and at 10:30 the solemn High Mass will be sung. The subject of the Christmas sermon will be "Good Tidings of Great Joy." The musical program in "Faithful," an offertory, "Christ is Born Unto Us," and selections from Leonard.

At 4 o'clock a brief service will be held at the Christmas Crib. The scene of Bethlehem will be represented by a rustic crib in a grotto with attendant figures and the usual illumination.

come to be not a 'giving' of presents, but a mere 'exchange' of them. And we have got too far from the old fashioned conception of the day as a time when it isn't the money one spends but the fun one has that counts most.

"In England they have a better way than we have here of keeping Christmas. With them it is a festival, a day of good cheer, of old-fashioned games in which everybody takes part. It isn't only the workers, the poor, that need a reformed Christmas. We all need it. Everybody knows how perfunctory much of the giving is.

"I heard of one woman who received a writing case she didn't want and didn't like. She relegated it to her 'chamber or horrors' and there it reposed until another Christmas came around. Then she thought she would be thrifty and use some of her own undesired presents in disposing of her Christmas list.

"The writing case was one of the first she was willing to get rid of; so she sent it to the silversmith's to have the monogram changed. In a day or two she received word from them that it would be impossible, as the monogram had been changed twice already! Evidently that poor writing case was a veritable tramp gift, wandering from one person to another, not desired by any of them and passed on simply to wipe one more name off those staring 'Christmas lists.'"

A LETTER RECALLS EARLY LINN HISTORY

Missouri Woman Is Now Looking for the Heirs of John Berthold.

WAS MURDERED BY INDIANS IN SOUTHERN OREGON

Located in Linn County With His Two Sons in the Year 1840; Heir Discovered.

A letter received today by Postmaster Van Winkle recalls to the minds of the early pioneers of Linn county an event in the history of western Oregon which was vividly impressed upon those who blazed the first trail through the Oregon forests and may be the means of restoring to the heir of a murdered pioneer citizen, a fortune.

The letter is written by Mrs. Sophia Deamunde of Upalika, Missouri, and asks information as to the whereabouts of the heirs of John Berthold who located in this state in the year 1840 and was later killed by the Indians in southern Oregon. The names of his two sons were Phillip and John and an investigation by Manager Stewart of the Albany Commercial Club reveals the fact that a man by the name of Phillip Berthold now resides in Corvallis. Mr. Stewart this morning wrote to Berthold informing him of the letter he had received and asking for data concerning his family history.

The letter received by Postmaster Van Winkle is as follows: Upalika, Mo., Nov. 27, 1912. Postmaster, Albany, Ore. Dear Sir:—In 1840 a man by the name of John Berthold with his wife and two boys, John jr. and Phillip, left Lee Co., Iowa, for Oregon. Their postoffice address was New Albany, Ore. When the gold fever broke out they went to California, on the return home Mr. B. was killed by the Indians. In course of time his widow married a man by the name of Daniel Cushman. We do not know whether there are any other children or not. After Mrs. Cushman's death her people lost all trace of the family. Do you or any of the old settlers know anything of the family? There was a lady here this fall who said she knew of people in Portland by the name of Berthold. Any information you could give us of the family would be thankfully received. Very respectfully yours, Upalika, Mo. MRS SOPHIA DEAMUNDE.

The first snow of the season fell in Albany this morning but as it was about half rain it melted as fast as it fell and those who were hoping that the "beautiful" would continue to fall until after Christmas were disappointed.

In Dr. Cox's guessing contest on the number of teeth in his show case, the first prize went to Claudel Morgan, 730 E. First street, and second prize to Christ Widmer, R. F. D. 4. The third prize was won by Eileen Baldwin, 13th and Jackson. The correct number of teeth in the case was 658.

The public library will remain closed all day tomorrow.

Bert and Harry Moe of Portland will arrive in Albany tonight to spend Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moe.

M. J. Coleman, representing the Inter-State Publishing company of Portland, was in Albany yesterday. While here he called at the Democrat office.

Clarence Mickel of this city returned home last evening from Roseburg where he visited relatives for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Flynn, daughters Miss Irene and Mayme Helen, and son James J., will arrive in Albany tonight to spend Christmas at the home of their son and brother, J. R. Flynn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Flynn of this city will leave Thursday for Portland where they will spend New Year's with friends and relatives.

Mehlin Blain, a prominent young artist on the Portland Oregonian staff, arrived in Albany today to spend Christmas with his father, W. R. Blain.

Mrs. Frank Kitchen of Jefferson arrived in Albany this afternoon and is visiting friends and doing some shopping.

Charles B. Wilson of Soda Springs, Idaho, was a guest at the St. Francis today. He is enroute to Corvallis to visit a brother residing near that city.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Blake who died yesterday near Corvallis, and which was announced to occur tomorrow, will be held on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock instead.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Ray Hicks of Lebanon, who were married in this city yesterday by Judge Swan, returned home this afternoon.