

MILLER-LORENZ.

Miss Hazel Lorenz and Dewey S. Miller were married last week Wednesday at Vancouver. The secret of their approaching marriage was well kept and only a few intimate friends knew of the event until the ceremony had been performed. They returned from Vancouver Sunday evening and will reside in the E. M. Zimmerman residence on Liberty street.

Both the contracting parties are well known here, the bride being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lorenz, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller, of this city. Both have a multitude of friends, whom the Observer joins in wishing the newlyweds a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, as well as a felicitous and prosperous outcome of their matrimonial adventure. May their joys be legion and their only troubles little ones.

AURORA VICINITY MAP.

O. J. Sands and John F. Davis, representing the Heald Map Company, were here Thursday from Salem. That company is getting out a vicinity map to be ready in February, showing the location of every farm, with all townships, section and quarter section lines, steam and electric railroads, school houses, churches, post offices, towns, government survey of rivers, creeks and bridges, all named, numbered and indexed. It will also give all farmers' names and location, county, township, section and quarter section in which they live, and rural route, with box number, telephone number and size of farm in acres. The map will be 42x52 inches in size, showing Aurora, Woodburn, Hubbard, Donald, Silverton, Butteville, Salem, Dallas, McMinnville Independence and all the surrounding settled districts of Marion and Polk counties. On the back will be a splendid map of Salem, large size, with a wonderful amount of reliable, accurate and useful information. Every business man and property owner should have one of these maps. They are delivered only on orders. Send in your order now to the Observer office, Aurora, Oregon. The price is \$5-\$1.50 when order is given and \$3.50 upon delivery of map.

Sign the coupon on the first page and mail at once to the Heald Map Company, O. J. Sands, Sales Manager, Salem, Oregon, and you may draw, free of charge, on the fine vicinity maps, being issued by that company, costing \$5, and worth much more to business men and property owners.

THE HOP SITUATION.

Several hundred tons of hops are reported to have been sold in the Aurora, St. Paul and Sherwood sections the past week at 20¢ and 21 cents.

The market holds remarkably stable at those figures. About 2000 bales are now left in growers' hands in the Aurora district.

Reports state that nearly half a million pounds have been contracted for 1914 in the state at prices around 16 cents, but growers are loath to believe that any such quantity has been tied up.

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THE ESTRAY LAW.

At the request of those interested in the Estray law, the Observer publishes the following requirements of the law:

1. Notify the county clerk, in writing, within 15 days after finding property.
2. Post a notice of the property found in two public places in the county within five days.
3. Publish a notice of finding property, with a description of same, within 15 days, in some newspaper published in county where property is found.
4. Within two months the property must be appraised by some justice of the peace within the county, said appraisal certified to and filed with the county clerk.
5. If no owner appears within a year the finder must pay one-half the appraised value to the county treasurer and may then retain the property as his own.
6. Should the owner appear within a year, he may take the property by paying the expenses of the finder, together with a reasonable compensation to him for his trouble.

POOR SEED POTATOES.

Southern potato buyers are again complaining of the poor quality of Oregon potatoes. For many years Oregon Burbanks were considered the standard quality in California and other southern markets, and growers there procured much of their seed here. But a change has taken place and Oregon Burbanks no longer command the respect or the prices they formerly did.

This season Idaho Rurals and Washington Gems have about put Oregon Burbanks out of the race. The two former have sold at \$1.15 per cental in San Francisco recently, while our Burbanks have been quoted as low as 85 cents in the same market. California Burbanks, however, have lost none of their old-time popularity. Most dealers and many intelligent and thinking growers attribute the "fall of the Burbank" to the poor seed used here. Growers have been using small, poor, unselected stock—the scum of their crop, for seed. Such seed will produce a rapidly deteriorating quality. The average offspring are never better than the parents, seldom as good.

This makes selection of seed necessary, if the quality is to be maintained and improved.

Both Washington and Idaho have done this and they are getting the trade once Oregon's Progressive growers are now advising better seed and better cultivation, and better care of the crop in order to regain the trade that is being lost through poor quality.

For Sale—Chisel hay and clover, \$8 and \$10 per ton. A. L. Ganske, Route 4, Aurora, 2tp

For Sale—Two pure blood Ancona cockerels, Crosswhite strain, at \$2.00 each. Call at Observer office.

MISTLETOE LORE.

Great bunches of mistletoe have been brought into town this week for a part of the Christmas decorations. The plant found in Oregon so plentifully is not the true mistletoe, though it belongs to the same family as the European mistletoe, which is a parasitic shrub of the family Loranthaceae, as it is known to botanists. The European mistletoe grows pendent from various trees, especially the apple, and more rarely the oak. In England, in early times, when found on the oak, it was held in special veneration by the Druids, a religious order of Celts or pre-Celtic origin. A member of this order was a kind of a combined priest, doctor, wonder worker, historian and judge. The fact that they held the mistletoe sacred has led to the belief that they were tree worshippers. Among early Europeans the mistletoe was at all times a ceremonial plant, from which probably originated the modern Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe. The Oregon mistletoe's botanical name is Phoradendron flavescens, while the European mistletoe is known botanically as Viscum album. In Australia there are several other varieties of mistletoe.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

The Christmas program at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday evening was well rendered and enjoyed by a crowded house. The following is the complete program:

- Song—"O Come all Ye Faithful".....By School Prayer.
- Song—"Hosanna".....School
- Song—"Lullaby".....Three little girls
- Recitation—"My Piece".....Vesta Griddle
- Recitation.....Roland Wuster and Roena Smith
- Song—"A Birthday Song".....Eight boys
- Recitation—"Trimming the Tree".....Nine girls
- Song—"In a Manger".....Ida Keil
- Recitation—"I Only Know".....Abraham Loveall
- Recitation—"I Always Smile".....Dollie Simkins
- Song—"The Cradle Song".....Five little girls
- Recitation—"Why?".....Oliver Wagner
- Recitation—"We'll Find Out Any Way".....Eight children
- Song—"Merry Bells".....Three little girls
- Recitation.....Eva and Eloise Hurst
- Song—"Hear the Bells".....Senior class
- Drill.....Ten boys
- Address.....J. P. Cole
- Song—"All Hail the Powers of Jesus".....School

HOPS HENRY L. BENTS

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LOCALS.

Miss Pearl Cowman is here from Alberta, Canada, the guest of Mrs. C. B. Brewer. She will probably remain for the Winter.

The suit for the annulment of the marriage of Isaac Miller to Mrs. Ida Hoff is set for trial tomorrow in Judge Kelly's court at Salem. Attorneys and referee were here yesterday taking the groom's deposition.

The Pioneer Hotel will serve a goose and chicken supper on the night of the New Years Ball in the hotel dining room, to dancers and others desiring supper prepared and served in first-class style at a reasonable price.

THE KIND OF NEWS.

Correspondents of country newspapers will find in the following list the kind of news the editor wants and the kind the people are interested in:

- Fires.
- Births.
- Deaths.
- Accidents.
- Robberies.
- Marriages.
- Land Sales.
- School News.
- Visiting Abroad.
- Family Reunions.
- Public Meetings.
- Society Meetings.
- Real Estate Deals.
- Condition of Crops.
- Ejection of Officers.
- Anything of General Interest.
- Good items of news cover these points: who, what, when, where, how.

NEW SUPERVISOR PLAN.

The proposal of State Superintendent J. A. Churchill to supervise the rural schools through a force of supervisors working from the state office will arouse a storm of protest from the taxpayers of the state, who will fail to see the advantage of centralizing supervision. The present plan of county supervision has never been popular with the people, though it has doubtless accomplished a great deal of good. Every new official seems to feel compelled to offer some new specific for the ills of whatever branch of the government he may be directing. This may be commendable in the official, but not so agreeable to those who take the medicine and pay the bills. At all events, the state superintendent has evidently cut out a job for himself that will keep him busy during the remainder of his administration.

The Daily Telegram and the Observer, one year, both for \$5.25.

WAR

If it is as has been said, future wars are to be fought with the pen. We should seek to improve not our armor plate, but so improve our men. We should draw our first regiment from the farms, the studios and the mines. Teach them if we win keep the "motto" you must read between the lines. Some say she is from Ireland, some say from Spain, but we know it's Albina. This genius of the wash tub we have for various reasons called "Dina." AURORA LAUNDRY

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HOLIDAY SELECTIONS

It is often difficult to select gifts suited to the taste of others, but long experience has made us proficient in suggesting holiday gifts. Our stock is replete with Christmas and New Years goods. We can please you. Our Toys, Candies, Stationery, Gift Cups, Plates, Cake Dishes, etc., Pastel Albums, Gift Boxes, Silk Waists, Handkerchiefs and Bootees are only a few of the hundreds we might suggest.

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