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The Aurora Observer
AURORA, OREGON

MACKSBURG.

Joe Gibson was transacting business
in Portland on Monday.

Will Gibson who is in government
employ at American Lake is home on
a furlough for the holiday.

The ranch lately vacated by Mr.
L. Masterton has been sold. The new
owner is to take possession of it at
once.

John Winegar is occupying his new
house alone for the present. His
father and mother are soon to move in
with him.

The cottage built by Emil Nees which
has been vacant for some time is now
occupied by a relative of Frederick
Roberts.

A little son of Mr. Roberts met with
an accident just after the family had
moved into their new home. A fall re-
sulted in a bad fracture of his arm and
dislocation of the shoulder. He is get-
ting on fairly well now.

Mrs. J. Gibson with her little daugh-
ter Amie returned from Portland on
Friday. Amie had her eyes treated
for strabismus. The treatment has
been so effectual that not a trace of any
visual defect is perceptible now.

The closing exercises of the Eby and
Bear Creek schools were most pleasing
in every way. Both schools rendered
well-prepared programs, which were
enjoyed by a large circle of parents and
other friends. The Eby school re-
opened Dec. 26th.

The Sunday school exercises at the
Eby school house on Sunday, Dec. 23,
were made especially interesting by the
presence of Rev. F. Th. Lucas for the
first time since his very serious illness.
Rev. Lucas' address to the children
was listened to by a large and attentive
congregation who were much gratified
at his being able to be with them once
more.

We are all rejoicing over our
immunity from the floods which have
been so destructive in other parts of
the state. The water is higher than
has been known for many years but the
undulating surface providing natural
drainage has secured the ranches from
damages so far though several bridges
have been washed away and the roads
in many places are submerged.

A very quiet and tasteful wedding
took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Schultz on Thursday, Dec. 21st,
when their eldest daughter Elita was
married to Mr. Alvin Hamilton. Mr.
and Mrs. Hamilton have both grown up
in our community and have many
friends who unite in wishing them a
prosperous and happy journey through
life. They were at the Bethel Chapel
on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, and at the close
of the service, received many hearty
congratulations from their friends.

Friday the Clackamas county local
Board made the following classifica-
tions of men known here: George C.
Mitts, Canby, was placed in Class IV,
as a man with dependent wife and
children. John Karl Kraft of Canby
went into Class V as a resident alien
(not alien enemy) who claims exemp-
tion. Marvin H. Herbaugh of Aurora
was placed according to the Oregon
City Enterprise in Class IV (man with
dependent wife and children) and in
Class V Division H, as a person morally
unfit to become a soldier of the United
States. Clarence Collins of Aurora
was classified in Class I, as a single
man without dependent relatives.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dentel were among
those shopping here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Davis were
Butteville people here Friday.

Wallace Dibble was a business visitor
here Friday from his home at Meridian.

Highest cash price paid for Chittum
bark at Moore's Drug Store, Woodburn,
Oregon

A. C. Scheurer is home from Grass
Valley for a few days. He expects to
return soon.

E. A. M. Cone, who has been at the
Nesbeth Sanitarium for three weeks,
is now home again at Butteville.

Harry Hibbard, who has been oper-
ator of the Molalla telephone exchange
for five years, has resigned to go to
farming. George Marts is the new
operator.

Perry Catlett returned Saturday
from the Suislaw Valley where he and
Otto Blosser have been hunting bear
and trapping some. Just before he
left, Mr. Catlett, Senior, joined the
party. Messrs. Blosser and Catlett, Sr.
will remain for a time.

Leland R. Sacket, who formerly
worked here for the Southern Pacific
has joined the third ordinance class at
the University of Oregon. After a
few week's instruction, the students
are inducted into the military service
in the ordinance department.

Lieut. M. E. Phillips left Friday for
Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia, where
he joins the Engineer Corps. Several
other officers have been ordered to the
same Camp. Whether they will be
ordered to France upon the conclusion
of their training or whether they will
be given industrial work in the United
States is not known.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Higginbotham and
Miss Margaret Higginbotham left Mon-
day for Portland where they will re-
side. They have lived here a dozen
years and leave many friends. Miss
Higginbotham will probably take a
position with one of the Portland Tel-
ephone companies.

The Molalla school district distin-
guished itself, under the leadership of
John R. Cole, in the Red Cross mem-
bership drive. It ended the week's
campaign with a total of 326 members.
Not a home in the district is unrepres-
ented—many having several members.
And the memberships are still coming
in. Molalla usually sees its duty and
does it!

Wm Charles Maskell, whose post
office address is Aurora, has been classi-
fied in Class V as a person in the mili-
tary or naval service of the United
States. Hjalmer J. Erickson of Bar-
low is given a place in Class I as a sin-
gle man without dependents. Benj. R.
Wolfer of Aurora has been placed in
Class IV as a man whose wife and
children are mainly dependent on his
labor for support. These three are all
Clackamas county men.

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A Brave Man
Under a Cloud

By WARREN MILLER

A large amount of silver plate and
jewelry had been taken by burglars
from a rich man's house. The burglars
escaped without being seen. The po-
lice got busy and tracked some of the
plunder to a pawnshop. The pawn-
broker declared that it had been
brought in by a respectable looking
man who represented himself as a man
of business who had been well to do
and had met reverses. The pawn-
broker was suspicious of him, but he
told so straight a story that the pawn-
broker was finally convinced and
bought several hundred dollars' worth
of articles from him. The next day the
purchased goods were identified as
having been stolen.

That is as far as the police got in the
matter till one day the pawnbroker
met a man on the street who resem-
bled the broken down merchant who
had sold him the stolen goods. He
followed the suspect and on coming to
a policeman turned him over. The
captain showed a great deal of indig-
nation at his arrest and threatened the
pawnbroker with suit for damages as
soon as he had been acquitted. He
said that he was not a merchant and
had never been a merchant. He was a
seafaring man and had been ashore
only a few weeks. He gave his name
as Patrick Dugan and was a native of
Ireland.

When the trial came off the prisoner
claimed that on the date of the theft
or, rather, the sale of the plunder to
the pawnbroker he was not in America
at all. The prosecuting attorney asked
him where he was at that time. Be-
fore replying he asked the date and
was reminded that the pawnbroker's
entry in his cash book of the payment
for the goods he had purchased was
Aug. 15. The prisoner scratched his
head thoughtfully, but could not re-
member where he was on the date
named. He thought he was at sea,
but was not sure. Asked if he kept no
record that would prove his case, he
said that he didn't even know how to
write.

This statement threw doubt on his
accuser's statement that he had palm-
ed himself off as a merchant in re-
duced circumstances and gained sym-
pathy from the jury. Even the prose-
cuting attorney tried to help the poor
man to get evidence to prove his alibi.

"If the captain of the Mark Hutchins
was here," said the prisoner, "he could
tell where I was on that day, for all
that summer I was sartin with him."

"Where is the party," asked the pris-
oner's counsel.

"He was here for two weeks till
yesterday. I seen him in the street
and tried to speak to him, but I lost
him in the crowd. I seen by the pa-
pers that his ship was to sail last night
when the tide served."

"What's that yer sayin'?" said one of
the spectators. "I'm cap'n of the Mark
Hutchins, and I haven't sailed neither.
I sail tomorrow. One of my crew told
me that an old messmate, Pat Dugan,
was to be tried today for sellin' stolen
goods. Dugan was a good man, and
I thought I'd come round and see if
the man bel'n' tried was him. But that
feller isn't Pat Dugan. He's a fraud."

"Cap'n," cried the prisoner, almost in
tears, "don't say that. I'm Pat Du-
gan sure enough. I've cut my beard
since you saw me. Don't you remem-
ber that night when we was roundin'
Cape Cod with the wind blowin' a gale
out of the north and fo'castle covered
with ice and the main jib had to be
lowered?"

"Are you the man that went out on
the bowsprit at the risk of slidin' over-
board and lowered that jib?"

"Why, sartin, cap'n. Don't go back
on me now. I stood by you and the
crew that awful night."

"I reckon you did stand by me. That
was the bravest deed in my reckonin'.
It was purty high sure death. There
was nothin' but slippery ice to hold
on to."

"Let the witness take the stand,"
said the attorney for the defense. The
captain having been sworn the lawyer
proceeded to question him.

"Was the prisoner a member of your
crew in the summer of 19—?"

"He was."

"Where was your ship on the 15th
of August of that year?"

"Well, now, if you'd asked me where
I was on the 1st of that month or the
last of it I couldn't have told you with-
out lookin' over the log. But I can
never forget the middle of that month
of that year. We run aground on the
coast of Africa and couldn't get off. A
party of cutthroat niggers came off in
boats to murder us and take the ship
before the tide rose and let us off. Pat
Dugan there suggested that we fight
'em with hot steam from the boilers.
He took one hose and I the other. We
beat 'em off, and if it hadn't been for
Pat's suggestion we'd have all been
heaved overboard as dead men."

The prisoner was the center of the
admiring vision of the court and spec-
tators. He bore his honors modestly,
and no one would have taken him for
a hero had it not been for the witness'
story. The jury acquitted him without
leaving their seats.

A few days later a policeman, who
had been on duty in court at the trial,
saw the captain of the Mark Hutchins
and the man for whom he had proved an
alibi getting into an automobile. The
policeman had seen the owner get
out of it and, suspecting that some-
thing was wrong, stopped them. They
were tried for attempted theft and
sent up for a term of years. They
were both crooks.

YEARLY "Bargain Days" GONE

The yearly Bargain Days for the Oregonian are
over until next November (1918.)

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