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WAITING FOR US TO SET THE TABLE

A table twenty-four miles long is plainly an extension table and that is just the length that would seat all of the orphans now being fed by the Near East Relief. This table is set in sections all over the hills of Asia Minor, Syria, Armenia and in Northern Persia. It is not in one piece. The Turks, who still keep the Armenians in a state of terror, do not allow it. But there the table is, seated on both sides with orphans—Syrian and



The Table is Now 24 Miles Long.

Assyrian, Greek and Armenian, Jew and Christian—all rescued from the fear of the Turk and under the care of American men and women.

Most of the children are cared for in 229 American supported orphanages. The first ceremony in receiving these starved, almost naked children, is to clean them up. They are not only emaciated, but dirty with sores and vermin—69 hospitals and over 8,000 beds are kept full of the little sufferers.

But the children keep changing. Last year they were all thin and pitiful; now it is the newcomers who are thin. The orphans have been from six months to a year in American care and are well fed and well clothed.

Best of all for a new Near East which surely must come out of all this distress, every child old enough is being taught a trade which will make him self supporting.

They are a thrifty lot, these little parentless exiles. From their scant store of bread they always carry a portion in a small bag about their necks—they fear the day of another killing, another drive into the desert.

They hoard the shoes sent from America until snow flies—they remember their barefoot pain in the snows last spring.

They cling to their new found friends. Every day other little waifs find a place in the orphanages and are told of the generous people of the United States. Soon the entrances will be crowded with children frozen out from their temporary summer quarters.

Then the table of the Near East Relief must be extended—many, many new leaves will be needed, and America is asked to set the table.

"Desert Gold", Zane Gray's greatest novel, will be the attraction Sunday, Dec. 26 at the Canby City Hall. A real treat.

School Site Selected

The school election to select a high school site, Tuesday night resulted in the selection of a site on the property in the southern part of town, owned by the Giesy Sisters by a vote of 70 to 2. The district has already provided the funds to purchase same. Contract for the erection of the building will probably not be let until spring.

Xmas Party Dance
Aurora, Nov. 25

Dance at Canby City Hall, Christmas night. Portland jazz orchestra.

Mrs. Davis of Butteville was among the ladies shopping here Thursday.

J. E. Loveall was a business visitor in Portland Saturday.

Devillo Storer was home for the weekend from Portland where he is attending school.

Dean Daniel is now located at El Paso, Texas, where he is attending an army school.

Hubbard and Donald people have arranged a five-day summer chautauqua at Hubbard, for June or July.

Mrs. W. P. Wurster and son Roland and Miss Emma Snyder and Aileen Snyder were Portland shoppers recently.

Harry Hinkle of Hubbard went down into California some weeks ago and is now located at Sanger, California.

Ernest Keesling left last week for California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Keesling of Macksburg.

Russell Dentel is home from O. A. C. for the holidays. He is nursing a sprained knee, the result of too many college athletic stunts.

"Cynthia-of-the-Minute" a big seven part feature picture will be presented at the Canby City Hall, Christmas night. Dance after the show.

Strayed to my place—Tuesday, December 7, 1920, a red bull, black face, four white feet, short soft horns. Owner can have same by paying costs, and for this ad. T. E. Zeek, 1 mile east of Aurora.

WANTED—To list several farms in the vicinity of Aurora. We have several buyers for farms in your locality. If yours is priced reasonable we would be pleased to list it. Beck & Hendricks 205 U. S. National Bank Bldg. Salem, Oregon.

NOTICE

The Aurora State Bank will be glad to assist anyone in securing a refund of their excess tax payments. A large number paid their taxes before it was decided that a certain portion were uncollectable. If you have not already had this excess payment refunded to you, you may secure it by calling at the Aurora State Bank and executing the proper affidavit.

Crying For Bread



Photo International.

New East Relief Workers Distributing Bread to Newly Arrived Armenian Refugees in Constantinople.

The Constantinople district of the Near East Relief is wonderfully organized. All the bakeries which formerly supplied the Turkish army, under German management, have been taken over by the Near East Relief, and 20,000 loaves of bread are baked and distributed daily. Placed side by side, these loaves would make a line 230 miles long, for the five months that the Near East Relief has operated its consolidated bakeries in Constantinople.

The Near East Relief, with offices in every state, is asking for funds to go on with this work.

No More Work On Market Roads Unless We Buy "Market Road" Bonds

If the people of the Aurora-Donald-Butteville "Market-Road District" wish any work done in their district during 1921, they will have to buy county "market-road bond" to supply the funds.

Bids will be opened Jan. 10, 1921 at 12 o'clock at noon at the Marion county court house for \$225,000 of the bonds. As the bonds must be sold at par and bear only 5 1/2 per cent interest, it is almost certain that bond firms will not bid on them. Hence if the citizens of the county want market roads construction to continue during 1921, they will have to subscribe for these bonds.

If the people of the Aurora-Donald-Butteville "market district" desire \$3000 spent in completing the work on the roads, they must subscribe for \$1500 worth of the bonds (\$1500 will come from tax funds.)

This district should be able to absorb this amount immediately and thus insure the completion of the work. Blanks may be secured at the Aurora State Bank. Should the bond houses buy the bonds Marion county citizens will be required to fulfill their pledges to buy only the part the bond houses do not take.

Call at the bank and talk the matter over. It does not appear this "market road district" can afford to allow work discontinued—for the lack of enough investors to take \$1500 worth of gilded county securities.

HIS SUGGESTION

"We'll have to economize this Christmas, my dear."
"Yes, but how?"
"I've an idea. Let's give your relatives the same kind of cheap gifts we always give my folks."

Tit for Tat.

The Poet: "May I read you my new Christmas poem?"
The Musician: "Yes, if you'll let me play you my new Christmas cantata."
—Fliegende Blätter.

"Desert Gold", Canby City Hall, Sunday, Dec. 26.

John Murray, W. L. Murray and family and W. E. Thamer and family were Aurora visitors Saturday from their homes at East Butteville.

Marks Prairie has organized a community club and Henry Zimmerman has been named president, J. Colman Mark vice-president, Arleta Zimmerman secretary and treasurer, and Grover Goetz sergeant-at-arms. A Christmas program was rendered last night by the children of the school. Miss Kidby is the teacher of the Marks Prairie school.

Complete line of Drugs, etc., at Moore's, Woodburn. Mail your orders.

The Molalla Electric company will move its office here from Canby—probably by January 1. As the company does not now maintain a plant but gets its current from the Portland, Railway, Light & Power company, it finds this place more conveniently located. Mr. Robinson, the president and owner of the company, now lives at Boone's Ferry on this side of the Willamette.

FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Appropriate Decorations Add to the Zest and Gayety of the Yuletide Festivities.

IF SANTA CLAUS is to be present at the Christmas party supper—and of course he should be, invited—he may appear in an automobile but in order to be quite orthodox he should be driving his eight reindeer through the snow; and therefore the hostess should use a strip of snowy cotton wool plentifully sprinkled with frost for the table center. Purchase a somewhat large Santa Claus; he will be most effective dressed in a brown cloak with scarlet hood and cap. A fancy basket in the form of a wheelbarrow or chariot will answer the purpose for his sleigh, and should be loaded with presents of all kinds. The reindeer, which can be filled with sweets, may be harnessed to the sleigh with scarlet ribbons on which have been sewn a number of tiny bells.

At intervals down the table place boxes of bonbons in the form of Yule logs, with garlands of berried holly and mistletoe arranged from log to log, the menus to be in banner form, each one being held by a miniature Father Christmas.

A Cinderella scheme for the supper table is pretty. For the center purchase from your florist the wire frame of a coach. Cover it thinly with moss, binding it on with hemp; then cover it with scarlet geraniums, attaching the blossoms to the coach with fine silver wire; harness two milk-white toy horses to it with ribbons to match the geraniums. A smart little coachman and footman must be placed on their respective places, and a doll to represent Cinderella dressed for the ball should be sitting inside.

Appropriate presents to be placed for the children would consist of a slipper filled with sweets for each little boy, and a doll dressed as a fairy in white gauze spotted with silver stars, holding a tiny wand, would delight the heart of each little girl.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Come back to Bethlehem,
The year is on the wane,
A trace to strife that wears life,
A trace to grief and pain,
Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem
And hear its song again!

If airen voices luring thee
Have turned thy thoughts aside,
If thou hast quaffed the bitter draft
Of envy or of pride,
If thou in agony of shame
Hast thy dear Lord denied,

Come back today to Bethlehem!
Though thou hast wandered far,
No rest shall fill thy yearning breast
Until thou see the Star,
Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem,
Where yet the angels are!

EXCUSE FOR CEASING WORK

The Russian working people have always seized upon Christmas as an excuse for ceasing all work for a somewhat lengthy period—sometimes for a month. Before the recent revolution "Kolenda" was the celebration on Christmas eve, when the peasants gathered about the houses of the nobles, sang carols and scrambled for the coins tossed to them from the windows. Then came a great masquerade, when peasants of all ages dressed themselves to represent animals, the idea being to perpetuate the memory of the lowliness of the Saviour's birth in the stable.

Harem Victim Tells Story

Stolen from her home on the night before her wedding and imprisoned for five years in a Turkish harem, Aghavni Millian, a beautiful nineteen-year-old Armenian girl from Bitlis, has at last been discovered by her lover and through the assistance of the Near East Relief forcibly taken from her master and brought to one of the American Rescue Homes in Constantinople. Here she will stay until arrangements can be made for her marriage and her return to her old home.

"My story—it is like hundreds of others," Aghavni said simply. "I was stolen from my home on the night that the massacres first began in Bitlis. It was the night before I was to have been married. I was just folding my wedding veil away when the Turkish soldiers broke into the house. They carried me off. I—They took me



AGHAVNI MILLIAN.

up to Constantinople to the house of the man— She stopped and put one hand over her eyes, a hand that bore the tell-tale tattoo of her Turkish master.

"But what does my story matter?" she exclaimed. "I am only one of so many. It is my people and their future that matters. Somehow we must rebuild our nation and show to the Turks who tried to beat out our life and to the whole world that, despite what we have suffered, Armenia is still unconquerable."

Aghavni Millian is, as she says, only one of many. It is estimated that one hundred thousand girls are still held captive in Turkish harems. The Near East Relief, America's official agent in Armenia, is making this work of rescue one of the most important features of its program, and it is to them and the support they receive from the American people that Aghavni's unfortunate sisters, still captive, must look for their release.

Sherman Clay Pianos at Moore's Drug Store, Woodburn.

M. J. Lee and associates have incorporated an auto stage line and garage company, capitalized at \$50,000 with headquarters at Canby. A stage line will be operated between Oregon City and Salem.

Be there
Don't forget the
Big Party Dance
Aurora Xmas Night

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this occasion to extend hearty good wishes to our patrons, faithful employes and other friends who have contributed so generously to the success of our past year.

May this merry festive season bring to all an abundance of happiness and good will, and a prosperous and happy New Year.

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Holiday Gifts

One of our Reversible, Washable Fibre Rugs, 9x12, for bedrooms or dining rooms, make beautiful gifts, at **\$13.85**

For Ladies and Children—Imported dishes, such as fruit dishes, salad dishes, bon bon trays, water sets, flowered trays, handkerchiefs, kid gloves, silk gloves, beauty pins, broaches, bedroom slippers, scarfs and knitted novelties, fancy blankets, spats, silk and other umbrellas.

For Men and Boys—Fancy neckwear, slippers, handkerchiefs, hats, caps, sweaters, garters, arm bands, suspenders, stick pins, gloves.

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