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SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY, JAN. 3

The Aurora schools closed Thursday, December 23 until Monday January 3. The teachers are spending the holiday vacations with their relatives in their various homes. The following closing exercises attracted a number of the patrons to the school Thursday:—

Recitation.....Signs of Xmas
Roy Kenagy
Playet.....The Night Before Xmas
Primary Grade
Recitation.....A Surprise for Santa
Laughn Haig
Song.....Xmas Bells
Drill.....Xmas Bells
Recitation.....An Xmas Surprise
Walter McRae
Dialog.....Just Before Xmas
Recitation.....A Letter to Santa
Gladys Gilbertson
Song.....Xmas Carols
Exercise.....Snow Brigade
Third and Fourth Grade Boys
Dialog.....A Telephone Message
Song,
We Three Kings of the Orient Are
Sixth Grade Boys
Recitation,
The Sun Bonnet Girl's Xmas
Alice and Viva Garret
Drill.....Xmas Dolls
Third Grade Girls
Recitation.....When Xmas Comes
Henry Snyder
Song.....The Pickaninny's Xmas
Primary Boys
Recitation.....An Xmas Tree
Rose Ehlen
Recitation
When Daddy Lights the Tree
Roland Wurster
Pantomime.....Luther's Cradle Hymn
Song.....Holy Night

A GOOD RECOMMENDATION

The following resolution adopted by the Oregon Association of county judges and county commissioners, breathes the true Oregon spirit of helpfulness, and should be accepted and observed by Oregon citizens:

"Whereas the entire country is facing a serious unemployed problem that vitally affects every line of private and public business and

Whereas it would seem that much of the problem could be solved in its relations to conditions in Oregon if every public official and citizen of the state undertook to do their part, therefore be it

Resolved by the Oregon Association of County Judges and Commissioners in convention assembled on December 13th 1920, that we recommend the purchase and use of Oregon materials and products and thus aid in the continuous employment of people in Oregon factories."

Forest Giesy went to Woodburn yesterday to visit his cousins at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Moshberger.

Education A Factor of Success

Education is something that cannot be measured in dollars and cents, nor by fame and social standing. It is something worth all it costs, simply for its own sake—but it is also a profitable investment from the practical standpoint, because it strengthens, enriches and sets us forward in our business, in our family life, and in every other branch of human activity.

A complete education is the very best equipment for efficiency in any line of human endeavor. No matter what a man's work may be he can do it better if he is well informed. Education has a larger bearing than a mere preparation for one's occupation, trade or profession, but whatever our calling may be, our expertness and skill is more telling and more effective when it rests upon the broad basis of general culture.

Culture means intellectual background—accumulated force behind our efforts. Specialists are often narrow-minded. The stenographer who knows her Shakespeare and her history stands a better chance of advancement than the one who is in doubt as to whether Botticelli is "the name of a cheese or a violin."

The success of the lawyer, the teacher, the preacher, the engineer (and even the chemist and other specialists) depend fully as much upon their general culture and education as upon their technical finish. Culture is a living, vibrant, radiant force. It gives us perspective, personality and influence. It makes us Somebody, not just Anybody.

There is no one thing so essential to Success, in whatever calling, as Education. There is no man or woman, who has neglected their opportunity for an education, but who does bitterly regret it sooner or later. No living person was ever sorry that he secured an education, and there never was a period when an education was more important than today, because the most thorough business knowledge never carries far unless that wider knowledge of the world goes with it. Hence there are good reasons why parents should encourage their children to obtain the best possible education, and to sacrifice much that they may obtain it.

THE WOODMEN CLANS GATHER AT SALEM

G. P. H. S. White, of Salem, who is an enthusiastic Woodman, sends the Observer the following of the World meeting there a week ago Saturday night.

Five hundred Woodmen assembled to initiate 75 new members, from 14 different camps. A parade, led by the Salem band and the Salem police force, was one of the interesting public features of the meeting. Only about one-fourth of the candidates were present. The others will be initiated later.

Deputy Head Consul E. P. Martin of Denver, and Head Manager J. O. Wilson made addresses, and other prominent Woodmen also spoke.

A banquet followed. Music was furnished by the Salem Camp's fine orchestra. It is proposed to make such a "get-together" an annual affair.

The Ladd's Hill people have joined the Butteville Grange in their entertainment at Butteville December 31. Every one is cordially invited.

DONALD SCHOOL FIRST IN DECEMBER TESTS

The Donald public school pupils made fine records in the bi-monthly test given early this month. The average grade for the school was 97.8 per cent, or 788 points out of a possible 800. "Throughout the year," says Mrs. Fulkerson, county superintendent, "Donald pupils have made high marks in tests, 51 out of 59 pupils being awarded grades of 100 per cent in the recent tests."

The Aurora school ranks seventh. Out of 67 pupils tested 42 made 100 per cent, and the school as a whole made 708 points out of a possible 800. Mt. Angel ranks eleventh, Hubbard fourteenth, Gervais fifteenth, St. Paul sixteenth, St. Louis seventeenth, and Stayton twenty-first.

SCRUB STOCK A MENACE

A letter to the press of the United States, signed by J. Ogden Armour, discusses pure bred livestock and the "Better Sire" movement so plainly that we pass it on to our readers:

"The scrub animal is really a menace in the land. Practically thirty million of the cows, heifers and steers the country over are scrubs in blood, type and function. Better than one and one-third million scrub bulls are under no restraint, or only minor restraint, and each season breed these females, thereby perpetuating the costly defects they possess. They also mate altogether too frequently with the well bred, strong type of cow or heifer, and are certain to cut down the value of the calves thus produced.

The live stock problem resolves itself into three great phases, improvement in breeding, improvement in marketing. Breeding and feeding are undertaken primarily for the purpose of increasing the market values of live stock. It is neither practical nor profitable to keep low grades or scrubs, and the great issues that we face is to secure the very best type of sires, and thus set live stock men on the road to constantly improving stock and increasing profits.

HOPP-BROTEN

Hilda Broten of Portland and Henry Hopp of Fargo were married Friday, December 24 at Portland. Leonard Ludwig, Lutheran Pastor, officiated. They are both members of the Lutheran church. Many friends here join in wishing them them happiness and prosperity.

A. E. Adams, formerly connected with this paper, now with the Endicott Paper Company of Portland, was in the city yesterday. He is looking well and seems to be much happier and contented than he used to be, but that is on account of having become a Benedict and gained a good wife. They make their home at Eugene. —Woodburn Independent.

MONEY COME ROLLING IN FOR EUROPEAN CHILDREN

Aurora people present at the ceremonies were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Bents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy O. Ottaway, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Grimm, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yergen. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Sloper, Miss Edna Wallace and Messers Dentel and Gooding of Butteville were also present.

More than \$300 has been contributed to the Children's Relief Fund—for the starving children of Germany, Austria, Bohemia, Poland, and other Central European countries, by the people of Aurora and vicinity. So far as received, the contributors are:

Hermes Lodge Knights of Pythias No. 56, Aurora State Bank. \$15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ira R. Simmons. \$10.00
Pythian Sisters of Aurora, M. D. Lesbo, Geo. Miller, Dr. B. F. Giesy, Muecke Bros., Fry Bros., Mrs. Rebecca Deetz, G. C. Giesy, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Grimm, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Becke. \$5.00

Louis Weber, Zeno Schwab, E. E. Brandt, W. C. Grimm, Chris. Kuenzy, Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh, Jr., W. R. Scheurer, John Singer, Henry Becke, Wm. Steinbach, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bents, Peter Jager, Jos. Erbsland, Mrs. E. M. Grimm. \$4.00

A. H. Kraus. \$3.00
G. A. Ehlen. \$2.50

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kraus, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Morris, Fred Anderson, Anderson Bros., Leavey Bros., Mrs. Triphine Will, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kee, Mr. and Mrs. Tonk Kee. \$2.00

Robert Colvin, Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. X. Gooding, R. H. C. H. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tauffest, S. A. Reid, A. W. and N. Keil, Henry J. Keil, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Penrod, Mary T. Sloper, G. A. Schuele, Wm. Bruns, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bergerson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ortnan, Wm. Schwauder, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crann, N. C. Wescott, Mary Gilbertson. \$1.00

Adam Burkholder, Otto Knorr, Matt Ban, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Yergen, F. G. Peter, Mrs. Rose Giesy, W. C. Kinyon, Fred Schneider, Henry Gilbertson, J. J. Ryan, J. P. Freeman, Mrs. A. L. Widstrand, Josie Ryan, R. M. Rader, Mr. and Mrs. Parrott, Miss Matilda Giesy. 50c.

Wm. Dentel, Mrs. Chas. Radcliff. Many others have expressed their intention to contribute and a further substantial sum is expected. Any names omitted or errors made will be corrected if called to the attention of the Observer.

BENTS TALKS HOPS SAYS STAY WITH GAME

An article on hops in the Salem Journal quotes Henry Bents of this city, as saying that he believes the hop industry has reached its limit of expansion in this country unless conditions vital to the industry undergo a change, and that farmers who contemplate planting hops will be wise to turn to some other line until the hop industry shows more promise than at present. Mr. Bents speaks both as a grower and a dealer.

It is pointed out that the Pacific coast produces normally 185,000 bales, California growing 100,000, Oregon 60,000, and Washington 25,000 bales. England usually takes 100,000 bales of these hops. The near-beer and home brewers use 50,000 bales, leaving about 35,000 bales to supply Canada, Japan and other countries and to protect users against a shortage thru abnormal demands. The possibility of developing a wider market seems hopeless. Indeed, Mr. Bents holds that the demand is more likely to decrease than to increase. He believes, however, that the man who is in the business and has his crop contracted for a period of years has nothing to lose and much to gain by staying in the game.

The White school gave a Christmas program Friday afternoon, to which all patrons and others were invited. Recitations by Clara Crann, Lyle Carothers, Virgil Dirksen, Lenore Moore, Mildred Smith, Oscar Prink and Earl Dunnagon, and songs and dialogues by other pupils were greatly enjoyed by those present.

CLACKAMAS DISTRICTS OUT FOR RELIEF FUNDS

W. H. Bair who is chairman of the Central European Children's Relief Fund for the Canby banking district, with a quota of \$600, has named the following district chairmen for their school districts. Some of these districts are in the Aurora banking districts fully as much as the Canby banking district:

Macksburg district, Chas. Kraxberger chairman, quota \$30.
Marks Prairie, J. Colman Mark chairman, quota \$20.
Whiskey Hill, Mose Hostetler chairman, quota \$20.
Dryland district, M. G. Smith chairman, quota \$15.
Meridian district, C. C. Oldfield chairman, quota \$15.
Canby district, Dr. Dedman chairman, quota \$300.
Ninety-One district, Phil Wiegand chairman, quota \$20.
South Oak Grove district, Will Heinz chairman, quota \$20.
Barlow district, O. M. Ausve chairman, quota \$25.
Needy district, Ernest Stuve chairman, quota \$20.

In the Wilsonville banking district, Joe J. Thornton is chairman, and he has named W. J. Flick as chairman in the Union Hill school district where most of the people belong to the Aurora banking district. The Union Hill quota is \$20.00.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The Presbyterian church was crowded Christmas Eve with people to hear the Christmas program prepared by the Aurora Sunday school. The exercises were well prepared, and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Those in charge deserve great credit for the success of the evening's program, which follows: Song—Joy to the World..Congregation Address and Prayer.....Rev. Weller Recitation and Song—Christmas.....

5 Little Girls
Mrs. Weller
Recitation and Song.....Little Folks
Recitation—Santa's Boy That Got Lost
Recitation.....Sunbonnet Twins
Recitation and Song.....Boys Class
Cantata.....Night Before Christmas
Benediction.
Distribution of candy.

MRS. SHEPHERD IS HOME

Mrs. Almeda Shepherd, who has been visiting friends and relatives in California, has returned to Oregon. She has been recently with a nephew in Southern California, who has a large rice plantation, where threshing is now going on. He has 7,000 bushels threshed, which is about one-fourth of his crop. Heavy rains have delayed the work but farmers there say these rains insure a good crop next year. Mrs. Shepherd spent several months last year in Illinois, Iowa and Florida, and those friends who heard her description of those trips are anxious to hear the details of her California experience.

A marriage license was issued last week at Salem to Clifford E. Morton of Woodburn and Blanche E. Arnold of Fargo.

ALTRUISTIC CLUB MEETS

The Altruistic Club, an auxiliary of the Pythian Sisters, met at the home of the president, Mrs. Gordon R. Watt, December 21, 1920. A Christmas box was packed and sent to the club's special charge, a little girl of five, and her family. The box contained clothing, toys, books and goodies and was made up of donations from the following members.

Mesdames B. F. Giesy, K. B. Grimm, Frank Miller, J. W. Sadler, Zeno Schwab, Diana Snyder, L. I. Snyder, G. R. Watt, Louis Weber, George Wurster, Wm. Wurster, George Yergen; Misses Georgia Kraus, Emma Snyder, Lizzie Will and Clara Will.

The members of the local club have undertaken to clothe this little girl for one year. She is one of a family of six the parents and four children, that is destitute, thru long illness of the father.

Any clothing that is donated is made over or put in good condition, and if not suitable for this family, it is sent to others who are in need. This sort of social service work is being carried on by the Altruistic Clubs of the Pythian Sisters throughout the state and much good is being accomplished.

All Pythian Sisters are eligible to membership. Meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Frank H. Struble, county school supervisor, is something of a whirlwind as a salesman. A few days ago a map salesman approached Struble in the office of the County Superintendent Fulkerson, to sell him some new maps. It is said that in less than ten minutes Struble turned the tables on him by selling the map man one of Mrs. Fulkerson's office maps—right off the wall. Down at this end of the county, it is even suspected the alleged map was merely a section of intricately designed wall paper that Struble coaxed off the wall.

CONFETTI DANCE

AURORA

New Year's Eve

Gentlemen \$1.10 Ladies Free

MEN

Prices Lowered on Shirts and Underwear

You can add to your supply of shirts now and realize quite a saving of money. Cotton ribbed and flat finished fleeced lined underwear for men---the prices are lowered. Also men's wool socks at reduced prices. Men's, ladies' and childrens sweaters. Buy now, keep warm, and save money.

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We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the generous patronage accorded us the past year, and to express the hope that our pleasant mutual relations may continue through the coming years. Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we remain, yours very sincerely.

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