

Town Topics

Carl Becke of Salem spent Christmas here with his parents.

Henry Ehlen and G. R. Watt were business visitors Tuesday at Salem.

Lost—Year old black shepherd pup. Finder leave word at Observer office.

Miss Helen Coe of Portland was the guest of Miss Velma Bents during the holidays.

R. H. Whitworth was among the Union district residents transacting business here Tuesday.

A marriage license was issued Christmas Day at Portland to Henry Hopp of Aurora and Hilda Broten of Portland.

Mrs. Bowles and children of Oregon City were Christmas guests here at the home of Mrs. Bowles' parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Becke.

W. H. Bair is the chairman of the Canby Committee for the Children's Relief Fund drive, and J. J. Thornton is chairman at Wilsonville.

The Security State Bank of Woodburn will soon become the First National Bank of Woodburn and have joined the Federal Reserve System and become a National bank.

Wanted—A good fresh cow, Guernsey preferred, Holstein second choice. Cow must be good and price must be right. Give particulars first letter to John Smalinsky, Aurora, Route 3.

Zeno Schwab, Henry L. Bents and Geo. Atwood, members of the Aurora school board, motored to Gresham Tuesday, to look over Gresham Union High School buildings and to investigate how Union high school districts work.

Marion county 1920 tax roll showed automobiles assessed at \$829,000. The 1921 tax roll dropped auto assessments entirely. When the auto license fees were raised, the law provided that they should not pay any property tax.

The Aurora State Bank mailed Christmas letters, in the holiday colors, to all its customers, with the greetings of the season. It also included a card good for one of the handsome 1921 calendars showing the beautiful Bridal Veil Falls, Yosemite National Park.

Harvey Starkweather is reported to be sponsor for the movement to divide Clackamas county by annexing the Oak Grove and Milwaukie districts to Multnomah county. It is claimed that those sections have been unfairly treated in road matters.

Wm. Yesky, who purchased the farm belonging to the Becke Estate north of Aurora, and who lives near Sacramento, recently lost his 15-year old son, through death from spinal meningitis. The Yesky family is expected to come here next spring. He has a large family of children of school age.

Some Woodburn lady requested the Independent to print the ten commandments on the front page last week, giving as her reason that a Woodburn minister had represented to her (when he was circulating a petition for the Sunday closing of the Woodburn movies) that the owner of the theatre wished to close his show on Sunday so that he and his wife could have a day off. She signed the petition, but found the facts not as represented. The Independent did not print the commandments, nor even the ninth one to which the lady evidently referred. It would be interesting to know how many Woodburn people (or those of any other place) can actually repeat the ten commandments or even tell where they are found.

COWS APPRECIATE KINDNESS

Animals Are Naturally of Nervous and Excitable Disposition and Resent Roughness.

In the hurry of getting chores done, a dairymen sometimes forgets that dairy cows are naturally of a nervous and excitable disposition, and that under conditions of excitement or fear the milk flow is lessened materially. Driving cows on the run, chasing them by dogs and with loud shouting are not allowed on a well-managed dairy farm. In the stable all operations should be carried on quietly. When a cow kicks there usually is a reason for it; the teats may be hurt by the milker or the cow may be frightened. At such a time a little care in removing the cause and pacifying the cow often will prevent further trouble. Many good cows become confirmed kickers and consequently less profitable as a result of a lack of careful observation and kindness on the part of the attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider are rejoicing over the arrival of a new son at their home.

Noami and Sula Moshberger are here from Woodburn to visit their cousins Lotis and Maxine Giesy.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Schwab and children were Christmas guests at the home of Mrs. Schwab's parents at Gervais.

Born, Wednesday, December 29, to the wife of M. N. Crisell, a daughter, Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Little Miss Helen Vandeleur has been threatened with an attack of pneumonia but is recovering nicely from a severe cold.

The directors of the Oregon Growers Co-operative Association at a recent luncheon banquet at the Marion hotel, where a special menu showed prunes as the principal part of most of the dishes served. Nevertheless, not all the directors are "full of prunes."

Telegrams were received Tuesday from Kansas City stating that Nixon Blair of Hubbard, formerly county commissioner of Clackamas county, died in that city Monday night of pneumonia. It is expected that the body will arrive at Hubbard Friday, and the funeral will take place there.

The Fargo Methodist Church will join in Sunday services with the Butteville congregation. According to arrangements this plan will be put into operation next Sunday, January 2, 1921, and continue until the roads tributary to Fargo are more passable. Morning worship and sermon at 10:30 and Sunday School at 11:30 A. M. J. Stanford Moore, Minister.

A Christmas dinner and family reunion Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Iriphine Will was attended by about 30 relatives and friends. Those present were Iriphine Will, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Will, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Will, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Will, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kocher, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scholl, Dr. and Mrs. Stark, T. M. Snyder, Percy Will, Lester Will, Leona Will, Myra Will, Mary Will, Lenore Elvera, Ione Scholl, John Scholl, Leland Kocher, Bertha Stark, Elizabeth Forstner, Clara C. Will, Liszie M. Will.

In spite of the ten per cent increase in assessed valuations ordered made by the county assessor last spring, the total assessed valuation in Marion fell from \$42,292, 143 to \$41,782, 605, a decrease of \$509,538. While the assessor increased the assessment by about \$568,000, the dropping by law of the automobile property valuations and a decrease in public utility valuations brought the total down to the figures given. A straight ten per cent increase would have added about \$4,000,000 to the county's taxable property.

A NEW FORM HOP CONTRACT BEING WRITTEN

Several five-year contracts for Oregon hops are said to have been written the past 10 days by Bishop who is making contracts for a New York firm which represents one of the leading British brews. The price is 25 cents and one fourth of an advance up to October 31. The dealer wants 5,000 to 6,000 bales. The price is considered good, and the contract a new departure in hop agreements. Such five-year contracts tend to stabilize the hop industry—something which it needs badly at this time, when growers and dealers alike are so uncertain of the future.

Telephone Hearing

The Public Service Commission has ordered a hearing on the application for an increase in rates, at the Aurora city hall, Saturday, January 8, 1921, at 10 a. m.

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

Miss Jessie Keyt is the guest of her sister Mrs. G. R. Watt.

The death of J. S. Roberts is reported from Butteville. He lived in this section several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Durbin of Salem have been holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Ottaway.

FOR SALE—Car of No. 1 Alfalfa hay, just received. W. R. Scheurer, Route 3, Aurora, Oregon. 44-2t.

Ray & Son recently purchased 10 bales of hops (amount over contract) from Henry Becke at 25 cents.

James Miller left yesterday for California. The California legislature meets soon and he is an officer of that body.

Miss Francis Grazer is home from Tillamook county, where she has been teaching, to spend the holiday vacation with her mother and family.

The Aurora Womens Club has installed a State Traveling Library in the Aurora Drug Store where books may be secured, subject to the regulations laid down by the state Librarian.

W. H. Dunnagan and children, who reside on the Hartman farm (the old Geo. Will Place) were in Aurora yesterday. Mr. Dunnagan came from Wenatchee, Washington, not long ago.

W. H. Ehlen has been drawn as one of the 60 jurors for Federal Judge Bean's court, which convenes January 5, 1921 at Portland. J. P. Hunt of Woodburn is another.

Mail your drug orders to Moore's Drug Store, Woodburn.

Dr. Angell of Stanford University and Miss Francis Robinson, a student there are the guests of Miss Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Robinson. They will return to Palo Alto early next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Grimm and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hoffman and Wm. Marsh spent Christmas in Portland with Mrs. Marsh's sister.

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.

Mrs. G. Dentel and Mrs. Chas. Radcliff entertained a number of relatives and friends at a Christmas dinner Saturday. The following were their guests: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Giesy, Viola, Ulysses, Chester and Teddy Giesy of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ziegler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dentel, Will Dentel, Misses Lucille Ziegler, Leta Zimmerman, and Dorothy Dentel; Roy Zimmerman, Lloyd and Bennie Ziegler and Chas. and Lewis Radcliff.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ehlen entertained a number of relatives and friends at a Christmas dinner Saturday. Those present were Mrs. and Mrs. A. W. Ehlen; Mrs. J. F. Kerr, Lorin, Helen and Jack Kerr of Seaside; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller and daughter Juanita of Hillsboro; Mrs. T. J. Kerr, Frank, Agnes, Louise and Raymond Kerr of St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kerr of Portland; Miss Mabel Sandberg of Salem; and Miss Mary McCluelly of Dufur.

A young lad named Jailr was picked up here Monday by city marshal Fry, as the boy was trying to sell a watch. The youngster was only eleven years old, and when questioned, admitted he had run away from his parents at Salem. The little fellow claimed that his chief Christmas present was a "licking." The marshal called the parents by phone and was requested to send the boy home on the stage. The lad appeared hungry but would not eat. He was ill clad and cold, but refused to enter a store to get warm. He was put aboard the Portland-Salem stage, at his mother's request, who agreed to meet the stage at Salem.

MARKET REPORT

Butter Fat 53c
Egg per dozen 47c
Butter, 2-lb. roll 90c
Spring Broilers over 2 lbs. 18c
Ducks, 20c to 25c
Turkeys, old 30c
Jeese 12c
Old Roosters, 10c
Hens, 16c to 21
Cascara, 9c
Lard, 20c
Potatoes \$1.00 to \$1.25
Mohair
Wool 17c to 44c

ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN COUNTY DIVISIONS

County Assessor West has compiled figures showing the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the cities and towns, school districts and road districts of the county. Some the valuations are shown in the following table:

Valuation of Cities	
Aumsville	117,958
Aurora	159,901
Donald	71,348
Gervais	163,737
Hubbard	207,225
Jefferson	233,496
Mt. Angel	346,572
Salem	1,620,413
Scotts Mills	62,430
Silverton	1,098,758
Stayton	346,159
St. Paul	55,403
Sublimity	59,738
Turner	163,074
Woodburn	873,609
West Woodburn	102,599
School Districts	
Donald district	396,933
Aurora district	433,533
Hubbard district	632,014
Champoeg district	245,970
White district	415,414
St. Paul district	443,047
Whiskey Hill (joint)	31,355
Butteville district	396,860
Woodburn district	1,043,057
Broadacres district	208,618
Road Districts	
Aurora road district	\$457,632
Hubbard road district	677,003
Donald road district	646,303
Butteville road district	467,295

DONALD MASONS INSTALL

Installation of Masonic officers and Eastern Star officers took place at Donald recently.

S. A. Sexsmith acted as installing officer and C. J. Espy as Marshall for the Masons. The following officers took their places for the coming year: W. M., O. O. Freeman; S. W., J. P. Feller; J. W., R. J. Hughes; secretary, C. S. Hoskins; treasurer, C. J. Espy; chaplain, M. R. DeSart; S. D., J. H. Smith; J. D., G. A. Swan; S. S., Chas. Feller; J. S., John Kister and Tyler, Geo. Pendleton. Henry Bents on behalf of the Donald lodge then presented M. R. DeSart the retiring Master, with a Past Masters Apron.

Venus Chapter O. E. S. installed the following officers, Eleta Sexsmith acting as installing officer. W. M., Frieda Moore; W. P., M. R. DeSart; A. M., Elizabeth Yergen; secretary, Hazel Cone; treasurer, Louise Aufrane; Cond., Nona Yergen; A. Cond., Letha Giesy; chaplain, Fern Hughes; marshal, Verna Cone; organist, Letha Cone; Adah, Leona Miller; Ruth, Geno Carver; Esther, Eleta Sexsmith; Martha, Hattie Barkmann; Eleta, Ellen Feller; warden, Dora Freeman and sentinel, R. J. Hughes.

THEY ALL LIKED IT

Numerous letters of congratulation and many personal words of appreciation have come to the Observer upon the issue of the Christmas edition. A few of them are given below:

Jantzen Knitting Mills, J. A. Zehnbauer, president: "I have just been looking over the full page advertisement of Oregon Products in your Christmas paper. I consider the copy on this page excellent and I feel sure that it will prove effective in helping to awake the people to the possibilities of patronizing home industries. I wish to thank you on behalf of our company for including the Jantzen Knitting Mills in the list of Oregon manufacturers."

"I want to compliment you on the quality of your whole paper. It is the first time your paper ever came to my attention and I was surprised at the progressive spirit shown throughout the paper. It is unusual for the town the size of Aurora to have a paper of such quality as the Observer."

The Aurora Observer holiday number was good to look upon, filled with

information and good looking ads.—Hubbard Enterprise.

"The Christmas Edition was a hummer," writes a Salem advertiser. "It is seldom that a small town paper makes the showing that your paper does."

An Oregon City friend of the Observer, writes that the Observer issued a better holiday issue than the county seat papers.

A Salem newspaper man writes the Observer: "Your Christmas Issue was the best country-paper edition that I have ever seen issued in any town of Aurora's size. Your people ought to be proud of the Observer."

That the Observer's Holiday number was not wholly unappreciated at home is shown by more than a hundred written or personal complimentary comments received from home advertisers and subscribers.

Chas. Thomas of the Scotts Mills neighborhood was arrested last week charged with shooting sheep belonging to F. A. Hilton. He was taken to Oregon City where his hearing was set for Dec. 28.

FLAVO FLOUR

Ask Yourself This Question,

"Shall I buy flour made away from home or shall I buy FLAVO and help my own community first?"

FLAVO Flour is made at home from home wheat. The money spent for it stays at home to help prosperity.

FLAVO Is A Quality Flour Too.

There is none better and few so good. Above all it has that individual nut-like flavor imparted by the wonderful MARVEL process. That's a big point in its favor—just the flavor.

A Home Mill For Home People

Not an empty phrase but one full of meaning to those who wish to see their community prosper and help build up its industries.

Ask For FLAVO Next Time.

It's made at home.

Smith's Mill

On Aurora-Donald Road 1 Mile East of Donald

POST OFFICE ADDRESS—HUBBARD, OREGON

Everyone appreciates courteous treatment and a well assorted stock to select from.

When you need lumber or building material you think of the quality and service you are to receive. If you deal with Copeland's you receive both in the fullest measure.

OUR MOTTO
QUALITY FIRST SERVICE ALWAYS
COPELAND'S, Hubbard, Oregon

FARMS WANTED

DO YOU WANT TO SELL YOUR FARM?

If you will make your price reasonable, I can sell it for you. If you list your place with me, I will make all reasonable efforts to sell it, advertising it extensively.

I know your farm and farm values, as I have lived in the Willamette Valley 19 years. Send me a full description, your lowest price and best terms. Come in or write me at 410 Railway Exchange Building, Portland, Oregon. Phone Main 7660.

J. S. BROWN

General Farm Agent

Bennett & Coon

AURORA, OREGON

Always Ready To Do Your Repairing, Horseshoeing and

GENERAL BLACKSMITHING

WOOD WORK

AUTO WORK

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Butter Wrappers

It no longer being allowable to write the name of the maker on rolls of butter exposed for sale, The Observer has again begun printing (upon orders) of Butter Wrappers.

100 for \$1.50

Each additional 100, 75 cents

Ten cents (per order) additional if sent by mail.

Phone or mail your order now, and get your wrappers by return mail.

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