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## LETTERS FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

### West Scio Notes

Marion Arnold is working as assistant at the depot, Jim Glenn having gone to Carlton where he has a position under Mr. Liven-good, former agent at this place.

Jay Hoagland, football player at Pacific University of Forest Grove, is visiting here at the home of his uncle, I. Hoagland.

Miss Kate Donahue of Munkers is taking music lessons here, of Mrs. Kistler.

Misses Lena Tindall and Kate Donahue visited Miss Edythe Hoagland Wednesday.

Mrs. W. D. Sanford is in Portland visiting friends.

Mr. Bender came home last week, leaving for Portland Sunday.

Dr. Prill called on I. Hoagland recently, who is very ill with erysipelas.

W. D. Sanford, our pigeon man made a visit to Portland last week, returning Wednesday.

A. R. Hoagland visited with his family in Portland over Sunday, returning here Monday. He is engaged in carpenter work here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Shelton and small son visited the past week at the home of Mrs. Shelton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller.

Mrs. Sarah Hoagland of Chehalis, Wash., is a visitor at the home of her son, I. Hoagland.

Bob Devaney is loading oats these fine days.

Roe Phillips never misses seeing the train come in of evenings.  
MADELINE.

### Shelburn Items

Ed Jones was a bachelor last week while his wife and daughter were in Independence visiting relatives.

Herman Steidel left here last week for Eastern Oregon.

Mabel Grimes and Lola Faulkner were Albany visitors last week.

The patrons of School Dist. No. 11 met last Saturday for the purpose of levying a 5-mill tax for general purposes, and electing one director. The tax question was voted down, there being only two votes cast for it. C. R. Shelley was elected director.

Claude Churchill is building a new house on his father's farm in which he and his bride will dwell.

Guy Wyman shipped a load of hogs to Portland Tuesday.  
WOOD BEE

### Bilyeu Den Shots

C. P. Burmester reports the roads from Jordan to Lyons in excellent condition.

It is said that a good roads meeting will be held at Jordan Dec. 29. Hope they do; maybe they will fix the road from Jordan to Lyons.

John Calavan is hunting racoons this winter. Good for John.

Sunday school every Sunday at the Bilyeu Den church.

The Jordan flour mill will be ready to run about the first of the year. The machinery is being put in as fast as possible.

There was a dance at Jordan Friday night. A good time was reported.

Joe Burton and wife of Lacombe, who have been visiting with their brother J. A. Burton this week, returned home Friday.

The first term of school here closes Wednesday, December 20.  
LEO.

### Lacomb Items

The young people are busily engaged in preparing a Christmas program. The exercises will be held at the Baptist church.

Rev. Geo. Sutherland of Scio was here on business recently. George has many friends here.

Rev. Williams was ordained a Baptist minister on the 19th inst. Lacomb has three resident ministers now.

A tax meeting was held at the Lacomb school house Saturday and they voted a 2-mill tax. 148 votes were cast; Mr. Downing was elected road supervisor.

Among those noticed at the road meeting from the Crabtree country were, Craft, Davenport, Gaines, Rooker, Barrows, Bartu, Holub, Hassler and others.

The teachers hereabouts are going to spend the holidays at their several homes.

The Lacomb band is practicing regularly and gaining rapidly. The Peery brothers are prominent members of the band.

The basketball game between Lacomb and Green Mountain resulted in a victory for Green Mountain.  
NIBS.

### Santiam Farm Topics

Hag for Sale

The Santiam Farm wishes to sell 40 tons of No. 1 hay, 1 cat, 1 cheat, 1 red top, 1 vetch, at \$8 per ton at the barn; also 10 tons of straw, half oats and half vetch, at \$5 per ton.  
22-8 S. W. GAINES.

Miss Nella Young who has successfully taught the school in Dist. 77, closed the term's work last Friday.

Curtis Griffin and wife contemplate coming up from Portland in a few days to spend the winter at Santiam Farm with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Gaines.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Carson and daughter were out from Scio last Sunday calling on friends.

Mrs. Emma Small has been on the sick list the past week, but is now improving.

Several of the neighbors have called in at the Santiam Farm to see if the Pie Eater was about ready to fall off, but found the old man convalescing slowly, with no notion of giving up the ghost yet awhile.

Cola Gaines and wife went to St. Johns on a visit Friday, returning home Sunday night. Cola reports visiting the packing house in Portland, which was quite interesting to him.

Revis Graham and two daughters of Woodburn who have been on a week's visit here, returned home Wednesday morning.  
PIE EATER.

### One Stocking Not Enough.

"The Christmas stocking idea is all right," remarks Uncle Hiram, "but the little girls and boys of this day get so many presents that if all were put in stockings they'd have to hang up several pairs."

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The Befana Sometimes Brings a Switch

## Daddy's Bedtime

The Little Italian  
Story—Children and the  
Holiday Befana

THE little Italian children don't have any nice Santa Claus to come down their chimneys and bring them toys," said daddy.

"Glad we ain't Italian children," observed Jack. "Of course the Italian children have their Christmas," daddy went on. "If they don't have a Santa Claus they have the Befana. They think that the Befana is much better than a Santa Claus."

"Well, daddy, what is the Befana?" asked Evelyn. "The Befana," daddy went on, "is an old lady who comes to every Italian house where there are little ones. In Italy the holiday celebration covers a couple of weeks, and the Befana comes on the eve of Epiphany or Jan. 6. The children are then gathered together by their parents and they stand in a row before the Befana, who asks them how they have behaved in the past year. For the youngsters who have been good she has praise and nice gifts. For the little ones who have been naughty she has a scolding or a switch."

"I guess we don't care for the Befana to come here," Jack hastened to say, somewhat anxiously. "Better reform before Christmas then, Jack," advised daddy, with a twinkle in his eye. "You know while Santa Claus doesn't switch bad boys he has a way of overlooking their stockings."

"The Italians say that the Befana is an old, old woman, a wonderfully smart housewife who lived in the time of Jesus and the apostles. Her house in Jerusalem was always spotless, for she hustled up and down from dawn until dark scrubbing and scouring and dusting."

"The story goes that Jesus passed her house on his way to Calvary. Hot and tired, with the weight of the cross, he stopped to rest for a moment on her spotless doorstep. She looked out and, seeing the tattered, dusty and bleeding man in charge of the officers of the law resting on her clean doorstep, she told him to move on."

"Lifting his eyes to her, the man whom she had taken for a common thief or lawbreaker, gave her a look of reproach. 'I go,' he said, 'but you must stay until I return!'"

"Filled with sorrow for what she had done, she set to work to fill in with good deeds the time that must pass before he should come back. The Befana makes the little children her special charges and around the time of the Saviour's birthday tries to be kind and helpful to them. Italian children both love and fear her."

## Daddy's Bedtime

How Dickie Bird  
Story—Had His Own  
Christmas Tree



On Christmas Eve Dickie Flew About the Tree

WHAT do you think of putting something on our Christmas tree for Sheppie and Tabby?" asked Evelyn.

Daddy smiled. "I am sure that your doggie and pussy would consider this a good idea. What would you give them?"

"Well," replied Evelyn, "Jack thought that a nice bone tied up in tissue paper would please Sheppie. I can't make up my mind whether Tabby would rather have a heart cut out of fried liver or a bunch of catnip."

"I'm sure Sheppie would love the bone and Tabby would be charmed with either the heart or the catnip. That reminds me of two friends of mine who had a pet canary for which one year they dressed a Christmas tree."

"They lived in a boarding house most of the time. There they could have no pet save a canary bird. Of Dick they were as fond as any two people could be of a dear little bird, and Dick was about the nicest and brightest canary I've ever known except, of course, our own Dickie."

"Well, when Christmas time came, this nice lady and gentleman said, after listening to their friends' Christmas talk, 'Isn't it a pity we have no one for whom to have a Christmas tree?'"

"Let's have one for Dickie," said the bird's mistress after thinking for a few minutes.

"So they did have one for Dickie. They bought a nice little evergreen tree and strung it with popcorn and lumps of sugar and apples and grapes and nut kernels. Beside these they had tinsel and gilt balls to make the tree look gay."

"Around the bottom of the tree was laid a neat layer of dark green crepe paper to look like moss. The box on which the tree stood was covered with neat packages. A box of narrow ribbon was tied to each package and that ribbon was run up to one of the branches of the tree, where a knot of the ribbon was attached to a fancy Christmas card bearing a name."

"When Christmas eve came Dickie was allowed to come out of his cage and fly about the room. All of Dickie's children friends were asked to come in and see his tree."

"There was a nice gift for each one. Dickie enjoyed himself immensely, hopping about and picking first at this dainty and then at that."

"When 9 o'clock struck and it was time for the little folks to go home, each went hugging one of the packages which had been under the tree and bearing a Christmas card on which was written 'Merry Christmas. From Dickie Bird.'"

### French Estates.

A French landowner is forced by law to divide his estate equally between his children.

### Enlarged Pores.

Camphor water, used frequently during the day, will decrease the size of enlarged pores of the nose.

### Wild Silk.

Chinese wild silk is said to be practically indestructible. It can be buried for a year without great ill effect.

### Both to Blame.

John—You are always busy when I come in. Charles—Well, you always come in when I'm busy.

### Flowers in Tibet.

The highest point at which flowering plants have been found is in Tibet at 19,200 feet above the level of the sea.

### Old Time Brutality.

In 552 the Langobardi in Germany put all their old men to death and the widows voluntarily burned themselves.

### An Inference.

Browne—Yes, sir, on next Thursday I will own my own home. Towne—Servant's day out, eh?

### Only a Trifle More.

Hubby (putting wallet in his pocket)—I sincerely hope, Helen, this finishes up the Christmas buying job.

Wife—Yes, that's all, Henry. I shall not need any—but hold on! I'll need about \$3 more. I want to get something nice for you, you know.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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