

LETTERS FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

SHELburn ITEMS.

A Christmas dinner was given at the home of Asa Shanks. All of the near relatives were present except Lee George.

A good crowd was present at the Christmas exercises and the program was enjoyed by all. Everyone was treated to pop corn balls.

Those spending Christmas at the home of A. P. Russell at Macleay were Earl Russell and family, Jay Oglesbee and Gertrude McLain.

Clair McLain spent the first of the week in Salem visiting with friends.

Mrs Cora Piatt gave a Christmas dinner at her home. The guests were: Mrs Maggie Blackledge, Mr and Mrs E Piatt, Grandma Churchill, James Smith and wife, W. E. Churchill and wife, Mrs Nosker and son Cuba and Delmer Churchill.

Mrs Steidel and daughter Frieda spent Christmas in Albany with relatives.

Miss Grace Sterling of Portland spent last week with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Fred Gooch.

Mrs Porter and daughter are here spending the holidays with the former's son, Donald.

During the vacation last week some work was done on the school room. The floor which had never been oiled was given a greasing which it will hardly forget.

Lee George of Stayton spent Sunday with his family.

Cases of Insomnia.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach and constipation. Chamberlains tablets correct these disorders and enables you to sleep. For sale by all dealers.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' 1914 Almanac.

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CRABTREE ITEMS

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the editor of the Santiam News his family and all the subscribers and every body else, Uncle Newt Crabtree included.

Such June days as Sunday the 28 was, makes us wonder how a man who goes to bed in snowy districts of the east would feel if he could wake up in the morning in Crabtree and see flowers in full bloom.

Arch Miller is on the sick list.

Mrs C S Cavit of Springfield is spending the Holidays at home with her mother Mrs Flanagan.

Mr and Mrs Pogle and son were the guests of Mr and Mrs Larwood Christmas.

G F Llanagan mail carrier on

route 1 received several presents Christmas while on the route which goes to show the appreciation of the patrons of his route for the services they are getting.

W J Turnidge has a large force of men at work on his Hardware store and aims to push the work with all speed possible so as to be ready to accommodate the spring trade.

Miss Hazel Bartu is spending her college vacation at home with her parents Mr Mrs Chas Bartu.

Rax Peery has returned home to partake of the fatted calf after being absent from home for the past two months. Rex says herding hogs in the Waldo hills isn't what its cracked up to be.

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UPPER SANTIAM COUNTRY

How many kept within their means in buying Christmas presents.

The Black Eagle Mining Co. have built a warehouse at Gates to store concentrates in previous to shipping same to the Tacoma smelter. An old populist says that they concentrate it 16 to 1. They have kept several teams hauling in machinery and supplies during the past six weeks. An expert from Idaho says the ore is fine. He says the mine up the river from the Black Eagle is still better. What about the mines below there? They are running day and night, also running a saw mill cutting lumber for houses and timbers for the mine. It is stated that they will concentrate for other mines. They seem to have a full complement of machinery. One old fellow in giving the names of the different implements said that they have an "itemizer." Perhaps it will grind out items for the papers.

The ladies of Gates have adopted the cafeteria plan in raising money. A person or a group of people can buy what they want, go away back, sit down and eat it. A young fellow cannot be separated from his girl by a lot of young scamps who bid against him for her basket. It is a hummer to raise money, but might not work every where.

Bob Robertson was up from Albany and spent Christmas with his folks.

John Schulte came up from Jordan way and visited over Christmas with Duncan McLean and family.

The Bassett Brothers went to Montana looking for homesteads but came back disgusted with the climate. They do not want any homesteads up there.

The Gildersleeve brothers took a unique way to convey their engine and wood saw back to Cottage Grove. They placed the machine on some kind of a truck arrangement, made an auto connection, got astride of the thing and went whizzing down the valley for home.

The C & E boarding train is standing on the side track at Mill City. They are repairing and building bridges. It is said that the state railroad commission ordered it done.

Mr and Mrs J L Turnidge have arrived home from a visit to their three daughters in Washington.

Most of the men working in the woods went to Portland to spend the holidays and the most of them went to "blow in" what they have saved. How foolish that is.

The big mill keeps running—only stopped for Christmas.

Rumor has it that the Gooch mill has shut down for a time.

Dr Mott of Salem came up to inspect a body of timber on the Marion county side of the river which he contemplates buying. He already has 800 acres. He has contracted with Mr Schroder to put it through his mill.

Nothing startling to report unless it be that a carload of lumber went off the track in the mill yard and the wrecking train took the remains to Albany.

NICK.

Mt. Pleasant Briefs.

F T Thayer and family of Seio spent Sunday visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Mabel Townes returned home Wednesday from Portland where she is attending school, to spend the holidays with home folks.

M F Ryan and family, Leslie Townes and wife and David and Ernest Aegerter spent Sunday at the H Shank home.

Fax Thayer and wife, were guests at the Floyd Shelton home Sunday.

W R Ray and wife started for California Sunday where they are going for the formers health.

Frank Haberman and wife of Munkers spent Christmas with the latters parents M F Ryan and wife.

The Christmas tree at church was well attended and a fine time enjoyed by all.

Miss Angeline Ryan is spending the holidays with her sister Mrs F M Haberman.

Chas. Lambert returned to Salem Monday to take up his school work after a short visit with his parents.

H Shank and Pat Lambert called at the F M Ryan home Monday evening.

Miss Hazel Downing was a guest at the Lee Downing home day.

MANGLED HIS MODEL.

Taking This Face Cast Alarmed Both Sculptor and Sitter.

When the young Augustus St. Gaudens returned to New York after studying in Paris he found awaiting him the usual beginnings of the art career. He had very little money, but he took a studio on the corner of Fourteenth street and Fourth avenue, where he led a lonely existence enlivened by disagreements with the janitor. The following autobiographical sketch appears in the late artist's newly published "Reminiscences."

"Another incident which lent diversity to this dreary period of my life took place because of a cast made by a sculptor, a friend of mine, who occupied an adjoining room. He wished to model a bust and to do this proposed taking a mold from the living face of his sitter. That is no trifling matter even to an expert, and it showed the boldness of the novice, since, notwithstanding my protestations, my friend undertook it without ever having cast anything before. He wished me to help him, but I told him that I should wash my hands of the affair if he tried it. He disappeared.

"Presently he rushed into my room crying, 'For heaven's sake, come!' In his studio, which was already one of monumental disorder, confusion and dirt, stretched out on an old sofa lay his subject with a solid mass of hard plaster about two inches thick enveloping his head, while the whole room, wall, ceiling, boxes and floor, was covered with the great splatterings of the plaster thrown wildly about by the sculptor in the course of this extraordinary proceeding. There were the usual quills in the sitter's nose, but the weight of the cast was so great that we could hear him mumble under it, praying to

WE wish to thank our friends and

customers for the many favors extended us during the past year. We assure you of our appreciation, and to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,
J. S. STICHA

"THOMAS TOPICS."

get it off quickly or he would die.

"It was really a serious business, this taking it off, as we had to bang at the plaster with chisel and hammer. Fortunately there was no ill result other than a good bit of the subject's eyelashes being torn away and his clothes ruined. He was one of those happy men, however, who take everything with cheerfulness. The death of my tormentor would have been my only satisfaction had I undergone the sufferings he was put to."

Trait of a Glacier.

The millions of tons of sand, gravel and dirt filling a valley to a depth of several hundred feet give a conception of the enormous scouring force of a glacier. All this vast volume of material has been ground off the mountain side and brought down the valley by the comparatively small Kotsina glacier in Alaska. A glacier is not snow, but ice. It is snow which has been partially melted and then compacted under great pressure, so that as it moves slowly down the valley or mountain side it is a practically solid mass of ice from fifty to several hundred feet deep. It naturally tears loose and picks up anything which happens to be in its way.—Popular Mechanics.

How to Help the Deaf.

One of the most effective helps which we can render those fellow travelers who find the fatigue of their deafness a daily load is gentle speech, well chosen, well modulated, of an even tenor and, above all, articulate. When it is necessary to increase the voice volume, this should be done with due regard to the evenness of tone and the distinctness of articulation; to those who can receive only that which is ministeringly brought to them, to whom the once accustomed volume of the sound of life has become pitifully diminished, let us bring in gentle mien, carefully, patiently, the best that we have to offer.—Atlantic.

Reclined and Wrote.

Sir Walter Scott did much of his best work in a recumbent position. Several of the Waverley novels were dictated in their entirety while Sir Walter lay in bed or on his couch, dictating so rapidly as to keep two or more secretaries busy. The weakness of his leg was responsible to some extent, no doubt, for this predilection, but many other famous authors—including James Thomson, Jules Verne and Mark Twain—have found inspiration flow most easily when lying down.

Poor, but Happy.

Happiness can exist with poverty. Some very poor people are happy. A very unhappy potentate was told that the way to be happy was to wear a shirt that had been worn by a happy man. He therefore sent some of his courtiers to find a happy man. After long searching they found a poor man who said that he was perfectly happy. They seized him to take his shirt, and—found he had none!

India's Garrison.

India is garrisoned by 318,000 men, whose duty it is to protect a territory of 1,773,000 square miles.

Miss Gladys Struckmeier of Albany has been visiting relatives here this week.

Misses Rose and Beatrice Hanke, who are attending school at Albany spent the holidays with home folks.

C W and Jean Kelly visited last week with relatives at Woodburn.

Mrs E C Reiley and daughters spent last week in Albany.

F I Jones and family of Stayton visited the week end at J G Holts.

Mr and Mrs Forrest West and daughter Virginia spent Christmas with relatives in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Lee Erwin were shopping in Albany Tuesday.

Miss Allie Munsell of Albany spent Christmas with friends in this vicinity.

J F Sommer was an Albany visitor Tuesday.

Mrs Emma Gilkey left last Monday for San Francisco where she expects to spend the remainder of the winter with her sister.

Mr Gibson of Portland motored up to Gilkey station last week where he is spraying, pruning and caring for the apple orchard belonging to Minton & Gibson. He reports the roads quite bad in places, nevertheless he made the trip without serious accident.
B. R. L. C.

Fit His Case Exactly

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlains tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers

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