

THOMAS CREEK JOTTINGS

A little wintry again, with quite a white blanket of snow. Lots of colds and grip to spend the next few days vacation with.

Ralph Cole came over from Stayton Saturday to spend his vacation at home.

James Burton and family spent Xmas day with his sister and family, Mrs Geo Ray, at Mt Pleasant.

Wes Saunders of Lacombe was over for a few days visit with his daughter, Mrs Herbert Shelton.

Herbert Shelton was a little surprised one morning last week when he went to the barn and found he had two extra head of cattle, one of his cows having twin heifer calves. They both are of good size.

Geo Gibbons and Miss Rose Weidman drove up from Shelburn Christmas morning and took dinner with Miss Rose's mother, Mrs Jake Weidman. Her son, Mack Vaughn of Pendleton, and nephew, Otto Weidman were also there.

Mill Grimes and family spent Xmas with Roy Wirth and family.

O E Eichinger and family ate Xmas dinner at the Z J Clark home.

Miss Milly Dart of Lebanon who is teaching in Dist. 83, took the teachers examination at Albany last week, going from there to her home for a weeks' vacation.

Mr and Mrs J N Neal of Jordan came down Sunday for an over Xmas stay at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Geo Westenhause.

Fred Grimes and family of Jordan enjoyed Xmas dinner at the home of Mrs Grimes' sister, Mrs V E Shelton.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Rodgers ate a dandy fine dinner at the Westenhause home. C L is sorry such a chance don't come more often.

The Xmas program given by the Bridge Town Sunday school was quite well attended. Times were exciting when the presents were distributed as each one was requested to open the package he received.

Miss Elvina Shindler is over from Albany for a few weeks visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs John Shindler.

Mrs Chas Hollis is enjoying a visit with her mother and a friend who came up from Portland last week.

Syd Stringer came over from Lacombe Saturday to spend the holidays.

As these are the last items to be seen For the year Nineteen Sixteen, Chatter Box has said She hoped you all felt well repaid By the news she has sent in, And will all subscribe again To the best paper of the Valley,



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And to also get her Chatter. She will promise to do her best Not to make it any less. Help her make the Editor smile And keep him busy all the while. With these few lines and lots of cheer, Good luck to you all for the next New Year.

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HUMOR IN ELEPHANTS.

These Clumsy Creatures Are Trick and Dearly Love a Joke.

Elephants dearly love a joke. When engaged in the timber trade in Burma I observed some queer pranks played by them.

On one occasion I saw a calf play a most ludicrous trick on its mother. The older animal was hauling a log, which fifty coolies could not have moved, from a river to the sawmill, quite unconscious of any guile in the bosom of her offspring. The youngster took a turn with his trunk around one of the chain traces and pulled back with all his might. This additional weight caused the mother to stop and look behind her, but on discovering the cause she gravely shook her head and prepared to resume her task of drawing the log to the mill.

This was just what the little imp expected, and before the strain was put on again he kicked out the iron hook which fastened the long chain to the log. As the mother again began to pull he held back with all his strength on the chain until her muscles were in full play and then suddenly let go.

The effect was disastrous in the extreme. Down went the old elephant on her knees, and her driver described a most graceful and prolonged curve before he landed on the ground. But, like a cat, he struck on his feet, and blurring out some heavy Burmese exclamations of wrath, he whispered a few words into the ear of the amazed victim of this unflinching practical joke. She seemed to understand him at once, and there ensued one of the most exciting chases it has ever been my good fortune to witness.

The calf scented danger the moment he saw the driver whisper to his mother, and he placed a large stack of timber between the enraged animal and himself as speedily as possible, but after a hard chase he was cornered. The maternal trunk smote him on the loins. He gave a shriek. At a second stroke he dropped to his knees and took his punishment bravely and patiently. A few minutes later he walked past me to his stall, but his trunk

was drooping, and the great tears were coursing silently down his great india rubber cheeks.

I was sorry for the poor little fellow, and I noticed that at dinner time his mother was gently rubbing him down with her trunk and manifesting many signs of affection.—Chums.

The Sidesaddle.

It is generally understood that the sidesaddle used by ladies in horseback riding was the invention of the famous Catherine de' Medici while she was queen regent of France, say about 1559. Among her many other accomplishments Catherine was an expert horsewoman and often spent days together in hunting and following the chase. It was while getting used to her new manner of riding necessitated by her sidesaddle that the queen received the fall which fractured her skull and came very near terminating her career.

A Carnival of Dwarfs.

Czar Peter of Russia celebrated a marriage of dwarfs with great parade in 1710. Dwarfs of both sexes within 200 miles were commanded to repair to the capital. He supplied carriages for them and so arranged the affair that each coach should be seen entering St. Petersburg with twelve or more of these small folk. The entire company of dwarfs who took part in the festivities numbered seventy, and all the furniture and other things prepared for them were on a miniature scale.

An Accurate Description.

"Did you ever run into a telegraph pole?" inquired the elderly passenger.

"Yes, ma'am," said the chauffeur, slowing up the taxicab to avoid a collision with a street car. "I've bumped into telegraph poles, I reckon, two or three times."

"Brings you to a pretty sudden stop, doesn't it?"

"No, ma'am; the machine stops, all right, but I always keep on going."—Chicago Tribune.

Broke Three Legs.

"Yes," said the small boy to the reporter, who was looking for some news to put in his paper; "mother fell downstairs and broke three legs."

"Pshaw! What are you giving me, youngster?" cried the reporter. "Don't be too funny. Your mother hasn't got three legs."

"I didn't say she had," retorted the wicked boy. "The legs belonged to a table which mother fell against. She wasn't hurt at all."

Nature's Eye.

It was the hermit Thoreau, whose mistress was wood and stream, who wrote: "The lover sees in the glance of his beloved the same beauty that in the sunset paints the western skies. It is the same diamond here lurking under a human eyelid and there under the closing eyelids of the day. Here, in small compass, is the ancient and natural beauty of evening and morning. What loving astronomer has ever fathomed the ethereal depths of the eye?"

Even Up.

"Do you think it is ever going to clear up?" said the talkative man on the front platform.

"I do, sir," gruffly replied the man addressed. "And as I'm a lawyer that opinion will cost you a fee."

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Milo Was a Glutton.

Milo, the famous athlete of ancient Greece, born 520 B. C., was victor at both the Olympic and Pythian games for six times in succession. On one occasion he ran four miles with an ox on his shoulder, killed the animal with a blow of his fist and then ate the entire carcass in one day. An ordinary meal for this gluttonous Titan was twenty pounds of bread, twice that much meat and fifteen pints of wine.—Exchange.

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