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Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ekstrand and son Clarence have returned from a trip to Eugene, where they spent Christmas visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Elwood, of Portland, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Rodgers and little son Bruce of Anchorage, Alaska, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Moore.

J. F. Wing, of Lents, was in the valley on business matters Monday. Thos. Grave was a business caller in Gresham Tuesday.

Chet McGrew, the Lents plumber, was repairing damage done to water pipes during the recent cold snap at the T. P. Campbell home one day this week.

W. F. Jenne spent Christmas visiting with friends at Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Richey and family spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Richey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robinson of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Richey and Mrs. G. H. Richey and Miss Bertha Ely of Portland were calling on friends in the Valley one evening recently.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lehman, who are temporarily staying in the city, came out and spent the week-end on the farm.

Mr. Rosin is moving his family into their new home on Pleasant View avenue, recently purchased from Mr. Mazatler, the latter having moved to Portland.

Owing to unfavorable weather conditions, the carpenters are making rather slow progress on J. Z. Olson's new house.

G. H. Richey left Wednesday for Centralia, Washington, where he will spend a few days visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. G. Johnson.

Mrs. Fred Matthias entertained friends from the city last Sunday. Ray Kesterson, of Portland, was a caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Richey Sunday evening.

May the New Year bring contentment and prosperity to the Outlook and its many readers.

Pleasant Valley grange at their regular meeting last Saturday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: master, G. H. Richey; overseer, Mrs. Kitty Bateman; lecturer, T. P. Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. W. U. Moore; secretary, G. N. Sager; chaplain, Mrs. Smith; steward, H. E. Poppleton; lady assistant, Mrs. Kate Poppleton; gate keeper, J. W. Frost; Pomona, Mrs. E. Donley; Flora, Mrs. W. G. Rogers; Ceres, Mrs. Fields.

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GRESHAM LOCALS

A letter to the Outlook from Miss Alberta Allen of Manzanita reports that she and her uncle, John Fieldhouse, are enjoying the winter at the beach. The two were guests on Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kardell, formerly of Gresham, at their beautiful home.

A New Year's party much enjoyed by all was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans C. Larsen, at Boring. The guests were Rev. R. E. Myers, wife and daughter, Grace, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rusher and daughters, Myrtle and Florence, of Gresham, Rev. Melville T. Wire and wife of Oregon City, Percy Larson and wife, Winifred Hill and a friend from Portland. Mrs. J. T. Stillions, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for more than a week, is slowly improving.

The Knights and Ladies of Security, whose announcement of a basket social was postponed several weeks ago, will hold the social next Wednesday evening, January 7, in Metzger's hall. A general invitation is extended. Ladies are expected to bring baskets.

The Queen Esther circle, which was announced to meet on next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. C. W. Gleason, has been changed to the home of Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman. All members of the circle, all who wish to become members and their mothers will be given a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers, of Condon, are visiting their daughter and family, Mrs. H. W. Cooley. They have sold their wheat farm near Condon and may locate here.

At the Free Methodist church next Sunday the pastor, Rev. S. G. Roper will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cone New Years were their sons, E. E. C. W., and R. L., and their families of Lents.

New cross walks are being made on Roberts avenue at several crossings.

Mrs. Misz returned home Thursday evening after about two weeks spent with her daughter in Portland.

A jolly watch party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alder, Wednesday evening. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cooley and daughter Hazel of Gresham, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Alder, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hayden and children, Mr. and Mrs. Al. Stafford and children of Victory district, and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Manning of Gresham. Mrs. Jas. Sterling, who has been ill since Christmas, is much improved.

The meeting of the Ladies' Aid which was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. P. A. Gould was a most enjoyable affair. The ladies voted to commence work on aprons and caps in preparation for an apron sale to be held in the spring. Several other matters of interest were discussed. It was announced that the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman.

Miss Edna Benson, who is well known here, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Gorsage, during the holidays.

A meeting of the fair directors will be held at the Bank of Gresham January 5th at 1:30 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid of the Zion Evangelical church met January 1st at the home of E. Schwedler. There was a large attendance. Those present report a fine time.

C. I. Raker, who for the past week has been quite ill with blood poisoning, is now considered out of danger and is making good progress toward recovery.

A collection amounting to \$17 was taken at the Baptist Sunday school last Sunday morning for the benefit of the Armenian and Syrian Relief. The Baptist congregation voted at their meeting on Sunday to call the Rev. Mr. Kay of LaCenter, Washington, who was here and preached recently. No word has been received from Mr. Kay as yet, but it is understood that in the event that he accepts the call the change cannot be made until the coming March.

Mrs. M. V. Howton of Newport, mother of Mrs. W. C. McCollough, is here on a visit with her daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Axtell entertained yesterday their son, Lloyd, wife and daughter, of Reedsport. Mrs. Axtell's sister, Mrs. Jessie Michael, of Portland, her niece, Mrs. James Gilbeck and son Melvin all of Portland, also Miss Ethel Glines of Garibaldi.

The choir of the Methodist church met Wednesday evening for regular practice. After the rehearsal work the choir went out through town serenading about a dozen homes where there were friends who were sick. This was an unusual stunt and was quite a surprise but was much enjoyed. After the young people had completed the rounds they returned to the church where they watched the new year in and the old out. Refreshments were served and the party broke up after a very pleasant evening.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS COMMENCE WORK TODAY

Today, January 2d, tens of thousands of persons will begin work in every section of the United States and in our insular possessions, counting the population of every hamlet, village and city. The great task this year will be under the direction of Samuel L. Rogers, from whose offices in Washington will be operated the vast machinery necessary to a proper enumeration of the country's population.

Probably no previous census has attracted so much attention. The greatest effort ever exerted by commercial organizations in all parts of the country is being made to see that no one escapes the census takers. The rivalry between states, cities and communities for supremacy is keener than ever before, with the result that nearly every community has organized committees of business men and women to see that every woman and child, of whatever color or nationality, in each community, is registered.

Previous history has shown that all census takers are not careful; that sometimes inclement weather interferes with the work of the enumerators, and that for any one of a dozen reasons the total population of a city or town is improperly compiled. It is to make sure that Oregon is credited with every resident, that many of the communities of the state have formed committees to assist the enumerators in their work.

This most important work, which undertaken every ten years by the government, means much to the various communities. It is necessary that every person be recorded by the enumerators. It also is essential that every industry and business establishment be properly listed.

The enumerators always are confronted with many difficulties. Many persons, especially those of foreign birth, are apprehensive that the information required by the government will in some manner involve them in difficulties, or will increase taxes, or otherwise bring about unpleasant circumstances. The committees in Oregon have been asked to explain to such people that the information given census takers in the various districts is absolutely confidential and cannot be used for any other than census purposes.

Census enumerators will carry identification cards, and their government commission. These will be shown by the holder upon request. Persons in charge of hotels, lodging and boarding houses, tenements and other buildings where large numbers of persons reside, must assist enumerators in the compilation of the residents in their buildings.

TROUTDALE

Little Thelma Naylor celebrated her eighth birthday December 25th with a party at her home on the Road place. The afternoon was spent in playing games and enjoying the birthday lunch served by Mrs. Read. It consisted of sandwiches and cocoa, ice cream and candy and the big birthday cake with eight candles on it. The invited guests were Mrs. J. R. Cavanagh, Ruth, Ines and William Kniefel, Eva Baker, Roberta Wilson and Alta Hanning. Mr. Naylor took the guests home in his auto. "Reinforcement for the fight against man's enemy," will be the subject which Rev. Earl B. Cotton will discuss at the church next Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. This is the fourth topic of the series. Fundamental truths of the Christian Faith. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Misses Isabel and Bessie Low gave a hard times party Saturday evening inviting a household of their friends. The guests came dressed in costumes suitable to the occasion, some of them being quite ridiculous. Part of the evening was spent in dancing. Mrs. J. A. Larsson playing for them. Mrs. Low served a dainty lunch.

The Troutdale Ladies' Aid meets next Wednesday afternoon, January 7th, with Mrs. Martha Johnson. All members and friends are invited to be present. Business and sewing.

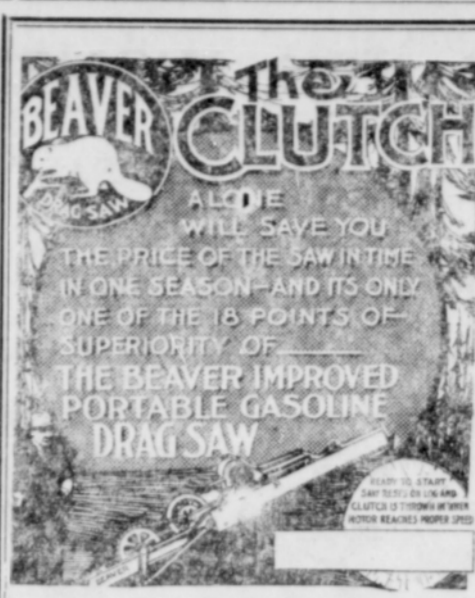
The Troutdale Parent-Teacher association meets next Friday afternoon at the schoolhouse. The December meeting was not held on account of the storm so delayed business will be done at this session.

During the December storm, Mr. Roth, on the dairy across the Sandy river, lost six good milk cows by drowning. They were on the ice covered river, and gathered in a bunch which was too much for the ice and they all fell in and were drowned. They were all giving milk, one of them being a valuable animal.

Another storm story is that of O. A. Bryan and family, who have bought the Mercer place, and moved in the day before the storm began, expecting to return to their former home in Montavilla the next day for feed and provisions. But the next day there was no going, nor for several more days. Had it not been for their kind hearted neighbors across the road, who shared with them their provisions and feed for their two cows and a horse, it would have gone pretty hard with them. As it was they were the first in the neighborhood to get out, laying boards over a snow-drift, and driving their auto over the drift on the boards. There was about the worst plight reported here.

Mrs. Mary Bramhall, who is with her son, Harry Bramhall, has been quite ill with pneumonia. The three Bramhall girls have just recovered from scarlatina. With all the illness, the Bramhall home somewhat resembled hospital during the storm.

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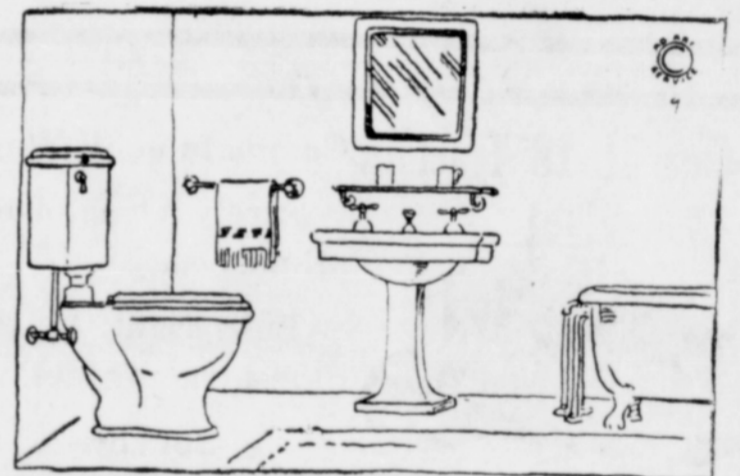
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