

Almost Perfect



Inez Harden of Mississippi won over 350,000 competitors as the most perfect farm girl in the U. S. for 1924.

PLEASANT HOME

The Christmas exercises of the Pleasant Home Methodist Episcopal Sunday school have been postponed until Wednesday evening, December 31, at which time they will be held in connection with a watch night service at the church.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Christmas exercises at the community church will be held on Sunday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock.

ROCKWOOD

Christmas exercises will be held on Sunday evening at 7:30 at the community church, to which all are invited.

FAIRVIEW

Christmas exercises will be given at the city hall on Christmas evening at 7:30 under the auspices of the Methodist church. All are invited to attend.

LUSTED

A fair-sized crowd was in attendance at the Christmas program of the Parent-Teacher association at the schoolhouse Friday evening, although the weather was anything but favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, of Ione, Oregon, arrived last Monday for a visit over the holidays with Mrs. Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.

HALEY

The Haley Baptist church will observe Christmas by an early morning service beginning at 5:30 o'clock. The Sunday school program will be held on the evening of the same day at 7 o'clock. The church will be appropriately decorated. All are cordially invited to these services.

Outlook want ads will bring buyer and seller together cheaply and quickly.

POWELL VALLEY

The Parent-Teacher association program, which was to have been rendered Friday evening, was postponed until Friday, December 26, at which time it will be given, the weather permitting. The children are requested to attend school on Friday for a rehearsal of the exercises.

Richard Satterstrom, Clarence Alm and Walford Johnson, who have been working in Aberdeen, Washington, for the past few months, arrived home Saturday for a visit over the holidays. They made the trip through by machine, but were obliged to abandon their car at Christensen's garage, within one-half mile of home, on account of the heavy drifts.

COTTRELL

Sunday school will convene at the Cottrell community church at 10 o'clock Sunday, followed by preaching at 11 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. S. F. Pitts. The entertainment and Christmas tree which had been planned for last Monday evening had to be given up on account of the stormy conditions.

The country in and around Cottrell was badly hit by the recent snow and cold snap. The roads were drifted full in places between Gresham and Cottrell, also between Cottrell and Sandy. For three days the Sandy creamery was unable to collect the milk and cream and no mail was delivered from Gresham for two days. Lower temperatures even than those in Gresham were said to prevail in this community.

He Done It.

A Chinese truck driver recently presented the following bill: 10 goes, 10 comes, at 50 cents a went, \$5.—Winnipeg Mirror.

A safety first sign to speeding motorists reads:

"Fools used to blow out the gas—now they step on it."

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTES.

I am seventy-five minutes. I am too small to wash an automobile; I am too small to go to a movie; I am not large enough to last through a baseball game; I am not big enough to go fishing alone; in fact on week days I am considered very small indeed. But on Sundays, especially at church worship, I am thought to be very big and some say I am too long to be interesting.—Selected.

A Want Ad will sell what you do not need and get what you do need.

Poem by Uncle John

THOUGH it's called "the old, old story" it is ever, ever new, from the embers of Redemption's blessed past; over nineteen hundred Christmases have voiced allegiance true—each Christmas morn more hallowed than the last. We celebrate this birthday with the anthem and the feast, for the shepherds must be diligent as when they saw "the bright an' mornin' star" "a-blazin' in the east, an' heard the strains of "Peace, Good-will to Men." We contemplate the table, loaded down with blessing's rare, provided by a gracious Master-hand, while faith endows us with a faith that all His children understand. Let doubts an' fears assail us by whatever law they may—we'll treat 'em with the dignity of scorn—and pray divine forgiveness on this blessed Christmas-day, from evil thoughts to which all flesh is born. Lord, give us strength and meekness, in the journey as we run, for Thou hast conquered death, that we may live. Go with us through the shadows—till the spell of life is done,—rememberin' to forgive as we forgive.



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Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.



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Give \$55,000,000. Portraits of James B. Duke and George Eastman. Text: James B. Duke, Power and Tobacco magnate of North Carolina, and George Eastman, Kodak king of New York, unbeknown to each other, on the same day announced gifts of their millions to charity and educational institutions.

Cream Prices. The Sandy Creamery is paying 43 cents at the creamery and 41 cents on the route for butterfat.—Adv. tf

The Biggest DANCE of the Season! WHERE? TROUTDALE, of course Christmas Eve, December 24 5-Piece Orchestra Good Management and a Good Time. Gentlemen \$1.00 Ladies Free.

WOODSTOCK The Wish of the Wise. Rea Typewriter Bargains for Xmas. Get the boy or girl something worthwhile. There is nothing more useful and appropriate than a good typewriter and a typewriter is the best investment you can make for your boy's or girl's future.

New Year's Eve Dance Columbia Grange Hall, at Corbett WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 Admission \$1.00 Ladies Free.

BULL RUN Mr. and Mrs. John Chiodo, who live near the schoolhouse at Bull Run, narrowly escaped losing their home by fire on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Chiodo had left the house for a few moments and on returning found the window curtains and part of one side of a room in a blaze. The alarm was quickly given and was responded to by Miss Hicks, the school teacher, with her pupils, who kept the fire in subjection until the arrival of workmen from the power plant who quickly extinguished it. The house is a small frame structure and would soon have destroyed, as the wind was blowing a gale. Mr. Chiodo is a cousin of Joe Chiodo, of Gresham. During the heavy wind of Saturday morning three line poles fell on the Sandy line, blowing out two transformers at the power plant and putting Sandy out of service temporarily. Four men from Portland were sent for and repairs were made before dark. Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Assn. Forges Ahead. The yearly report filed with the Insurance Department by the Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Assn. shows \$6,058,000 written during 1923 and 2210 new members gained. Losses paid, \$22,437.00; insurance in force, \$18,283,000. The Assn. also has a substantial cash balance. The low rate of 30c on all property insured by the Association will not be changed, which enables farmers to get adequate insurance on easy payments. President Snashall reports the Assn. at the present rate of growth will shortly be the largest farmers Assn. west of the Rocky mountains. Anyone wishing to insure will call on Mr. H. W. Snashall, Fair Grounds, Gresham, phone Farmers 2101.—Adv. Make your telephone earn you more by connecting it with a want ad.

FOLKS IN OUR TOWN A Big Handicap By Edward McCullough. A comic strip with several panels showing people at a party and a man with a handicap.