

PUBLIC SCHOOLS START FESTIVITIES OF XMAS SEASON

The first Christmas festivities have been evidenced among the schools, both city and rural. Friday was the great day which delighted most of the city children, when after a good time they were turned loose for a two week's vacation of holiday fun. Woe to the teacher who assigned any lessons to be prepared for the first Monday in the New Year!

Some of the rural communities are still waiting for the gala occasion, while a few districts close in held their annual time of gift distribution last Saturday night. This is time when all traditional feuds, if there be any in the neighborhood, are forgotten, and old and young join in a common joy that binds and stimulates the social activities of the rural community for the entire year to come. Thus the school house becomes as it should, the social center from which radiates harmony as well as intellectuality.

The Oak Grove school just north of town on the Jacksonville road entertained approximately three hundred people last Saturday night. The Sunday school joined the day school in furnishing the program. A play given by the smaller children was the feature of the evening, and with the unusual costumes and brilliant stage setting of fir wall decked in red laurel berries and flaming candles, made a long to be remembered scene for the children. A giant Christmas tree loaded with gifts also added much to the pleasure of the little tots, while mistletoe, Oregon grape and evergreens of all descriptions accentuated the Christmas spirit in the crowded rooms.

POSTPONE APPOINTMENTS ON COMMERCE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It was announced at the white house this afternoon that the president will not fill the vacancies on the interstate commerce commission until after he returns from his vacation at Pass Christian, Miss.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Rain west, snow east portion tonight and Tuesday; southerly winds.

DIVA'S MARRIAGE DESCRIBED AS ONLY BUSINESS MOVE

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 22.—A marriage of business convenience.

That is the explanation given today by some of Mrs. Schumann-Helkn's many friends here for her contemplated step in filing suit for divorce from her third husband, William Rapp, junior, in Chicago.

Rapp became the famous singer's husband in May, 1905. For some time he had been her manager and practically private secretary, and it is said, was so familiar with all her business affairs that she trusted to him in almost all matters connected with her tours and engagements. Their marriage was proposed, it is said, by friends of the two as a good way to continue these relations without embarrassment, and these friends are said to have expressed the confidence that, if love was lacking, it would soon grow between the couple. For two or three years, however, the diva and Rapp have not been living together, and much of the time, when not on tour, Schumann-Helkn has spent at her mountain home, Grossmont, near this city.

Schumann-Helkn is 52 years of age. She married Mr. Helkn in 1882. Her second husband was Paul Schumann a noted German actor, who died about ten years ago. Her devotion to her children and to a grandchild, recently born, has marked her life here.

Probate Court

In the matter of the estate of Guy W. Chaffee, deceased. Order appointing administrator partnership estate and appraisers.

Coffee

A poor cup of coffee at breakfast may be the nucleus of a cloud that grows into a thunderstorm before the day is done.

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UTILIZE MANZANITA FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS

(Gold Hill News.)

From Foots Creek comes a new craft, or rather a new art. It is the shaping of the beautiful manzanita wood to objects of grace and utility.

Horace D. Jones, formerly a Portland newspaper man, but of late engaged in mining in the Foots creek district, is the workman whose deft skill and patience transforms the seasoned heart of the common Oregon manzanita shrub to objects that immediately excite the desire for is said to be his intention to enlarge possession.

Jewel cases, thermometer and barometer sets, calendars, manicure sets—a score of beautiful trifles, were placed upon the local market by Mr.

Jones for the holiday trade and eagerly, almost instantly purchased. It and broaden the work, seeking a larger field for its sale, which he is certain to find.

Manzanita wood, finished and polished, possesses the luster of mahogany, while being a shade darker than rich cherry in coloration. It is altogether a distinctive wood, heavy and workable, and its merits for the purpose to which Mr. Jones has adapted it are unsurpassed.

Like mahogany, no tinsel is needed to adorn it, the native richness of the wood speaking for itself. All of the articles manufactured by Mr. Jones are stencilled "Oregon manzanita," and their fame should go far. Oregonians have long felt a faith in the future utility of native woods, and while the beauties of the manzanita are commonly known, no effort of this scope has ever been made to illustrate the wood. Jones of Foots Creek is indeed the "prophet of the manzanita."

MRS. PANKHURST'S FORMER HOME BURNS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Park mansions in the Knights Bridge district of London, where Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst formerly lived, burned early today, with one fatality and numerous narrow escapes. Hundreds of residents of the mansions were driven into the street in their night clothes. The man killed, Al Segardo was an employee of the establishment. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

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