

RAILROADS TO CUT RATES TO MEET AUTOCOMPETITION?

ASHLAND, Dec. 26.—There is a rumor prevalent here, persistent though unverified, that with the advent of the New Year the Southern Pacific will inaugurate a motor schedule that will make the automobile interurban service, at 5¢ the round trip, look like a maximum excess fare by comparison. The story is that the rate between Ashland and Medford will be reduced to a nickel, or a dime for the round trip.

Light for Meyer Creek

The Christmas observance ran riot here this year of 1914, despite the era of hard times. In the forefront were the Elks. This order not only contributed \$50 cold cash to the Sunshine Society, but also added \$50 more to the Belgian relief fund.

Moreover, it stood sponsor for a movement which had for its object the remembrance of every needy boy and girl in this town under 12 years of age. To accomplish this object there was a systematic canvass of the city. The Vining was secured for Christmas eve, elaborate Christmas trees were provided and the little folks were regaled with an entertainment befitting the holiday season. Nothing like it has ever been witnessed here before, and it is no wonder that one and all rise up and acclaim the Elks order blessed. The Shriners also supplemented the Sunshine Society's efforts to the extent of \$50, a custom which is annual if not perennial. The Sunshine people, which years since wrought out a system of benevolence in keeping with its title, also instituted a thorough canvass among those who are in need and left innumerable parcels of warm clothing and substantial supplies in its wake, distributing solar reflections everywhere.

Christmas Celebrations

Matta Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, also observed the Christmas anniversary in accordance with traditional custom. The membership met in its asylum at 9 a. m. sharp—the equivalent of high noon at Washington, D. C.—and with bunting and banners pledged renewed allegiance to its supreme officials, both state and national.

Christmas eve the Methodists held forth with a program of special significance to the young people. In connection with this event a number of stereopticon views were thrown appropriate to the Yuletide season. The Congregationalists also observed the anniversary of the nativity with an appropriate service at 10:30 a. m.

Holiday Visitors

Among holiday visitors to relatives and friends in these parts are Carl Nims, wife and baby of Tracy, Cal., who are visiting at the paternal home of C. W. Nims. They will also play the friendly brother-in-law racket to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean, Arthur Bates and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bates, father and mother, and Harry Bates (still unmarried) joined the family circle at a typical reunion of parents, sons and daughters. The Bates boys are California residents.

Earl Fraley and Willis Bailey, are among those who enjoyed the holiday vacation at home from college studies at Corvallis. Jack and Bert Mattern, warred of steadfast work in the mining district of Salmon river, over in Shoshone county, dropped pick and shovel in order to enter into the Christmas doings at the paternal home on Harrison Heights, where father had preceded them some days previously.

Relatives Entertained

L. D. McKee, deputy postmaster, entertained a big company of relatives at his suburban home, west of the city's outskirts, on Christmas. The guests were mainly from the Garretts family, Mrs. McKeke being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett.

Many friends of Leo Trefen will regret to learn of his serious illness, preventing participation in the usual holiday festivities. He resides at the paternal home, 431 North Main street.

Bank Examiner Muitt is home for a brief holiday vacation. His territory embraces portions of Oregon and Washington, and he has 80 national banking institutions under his immediate supervision.

Undertaker Stock visited his branch establishment at Central Point Thursday, incident to the funeral services of the late Andrew J. Klum, a resident of that section, who died on the 23rd inst., aged 41 years.

Legislator Is Host

Among the notable evidences of the Christmas spirit was the big family reunion at Fred Wagner's. This was positively Fred's last public appearance, preliminary to taking up onerous legislative duties at Salem in January. In addition to the Wagner clan proper, the Pells, the Kinneys, and the Carters also butted in and made of the event a glorious re-

union and "community" holiday dinner. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Miles, of Medford, were present to lend a bit of dignity to the affair. A regulation Christmas tree was provided. Emilie Pell officiated as Santa Claus and in addition to the infants in arms it was a moving spectacle to view with what avidity such youths as little Ernie Carter, Marshie Wagner, Bertie Kinney and Freddie Wagner clamored for their respective gifts. Even the little to Emilie did not go away empty handed. The guest list at this typical gathering was over two dozen.

Miss Lillian Kaiser, a niece of Ed, and a teacher at San Jose, Cal., is home for the holiday season.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

By A. C. Howlett.

Since I last wrote for the Mail Tribune we have been favored by having Prof. T. A. Haight, professor of instrumental music. He has a class in our town that some of them at least, are surprising their friends by their advancement in that line.

W. E. Hammel is taking advantage of the good roads and pleasant weather and is bringing in a fine lot of stowwood for some of our towns-men.

Geo. Austin, the mail contractor, on the Eagle Point-Climax route had the misfortune to break the pole of his buggy but W. L. Chipdreh, our blacksmith soon repaired it, so he went on his way in time.

L. A. Smith who was recently married to Miss Rosa Ayres has gone to housekeeping in their own home.

Conductor Louis Hiltz is home from the S. P. general hospital at San Francisco, whether he recently went to secure expert treatment in a case of tonsorial septic infection.

Briscoe Is Honored

Prof. G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of the local schools, is receiving the compliments of many friends over the circumstance of having been elected vice-president of the State Teachers association. Very appropriately the next annual session will be held at Medford.

The Ashland Fruit and Produce association on Wednesday shipped a carload of fancy Newtown apples to the Atlantic seaboard for export to the British Isles.

A. J. Nicholson of Rogue River, agent for Dr. Koch's remedies spent the night with us last week.

Master George Klingle of Lake creek, came out to have some dental work done Saturday.

Miss Rose H. Thomas, who is teaching in Brownsboro, and Miss Alma Gould, who is teaching in Lake creek district, came out on the Lake creek Eagle Point stage, took dinner and went to their homes in Ashland and Medford to spend the holidays.

F. J. Ayres and wife came out the last of the week to visit their new son-in-law, Roy (L. A.) Smith.

Mrs. O. E. Nichols of Medford came out the last of the week to look after business and visit friends in our town, her old home.

The school girls and some that were not school girls were out in force last week holding everyone they met, raising money to pay the expense of the Christmas tree and I understand that they succeeded quite well.

Thomas Stanley of Brownsboro was doing business with our merchants last Saturday and so was Timmie Duggan and Nick Young.

Mrs. Walter Wood and her sister were shopping in our town last Saturday.

Harry Nealon has a crew of men grubbing on his farm.

Many people went to the bridge Monday to view the river, the middle of the channel being filled with floating ice.

Those from here who attended the teachers' examination at Jackson ville report that the questions were somewhat easier than usual.

Philip Cumiskey, who for many years published a paper at Fort Lowell, Cal., is spending the holidays with relatives at this place.

Jack Houstin and wife of Long Branch stayed over Sunday night at the Nealon ranch. Mr. Houstin was raised in his county and always has an interesting audience when he relates incidents that took place years ago.

The committees in charge of the Christmas tree entertainments are making much progress, and, contrary to first reports, the money subscribed will equal that of previous years.

The usual good time is expected and every one is invited.

Harry Wileox, owner and manager of the Arrow Head orchard at this place, left the first of the week for the east to spend two or three months visiting with friends and relatives.

At a special school meeting last Friday, by a vote of twelve to six, it was decided to have the ninth grade taught in our school.

Professor Johnson will try to handle all the grades for the present, but it seemed to be the opinion of most of the voters present that we should have two teachers after the present term expires.

Many potatoes, apples and other edibles have been frozen on account of the unexpected cold snap.

The Table Rock Improvement association held an enthusiastic meeting last Monday night. The chair-

man of the fly-swatting committee read a very interesting report of their work during the fall and summer and showed that they had accomplished much toward making this a flyless community.

The hog cholera situation was thoroughly discussed and plans made for keeping it under control.

Owing to the absence of the contracts that the beet sugar company require farmers to sign, no definite action was taken in regard to the planting of sugar beets, but will be taken up at a future date.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next regular meeting, January 6, 1915, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon, at his place of business, 17 South Front street in said city, for a period of six months.

Dated December 10, 1914.

O. M. SELSBY.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next regular meeting on January 5th, 1915, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors at retail in quantities less than a gallon at its place of business on South Front street in said city for a period of six months.

Dated December 19th, 1914.

HOTEL NASH.

With Medford trade is Medford made

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

The following is a schedule of expenditures of Jackson county, Oregon, together with a list of claimants and articles of service for which the claim is made, and which were passed upon by the County Court for Jackson county, during the month of November, 1914:

County Court and Commissioners

Chas. B. Gay, salary and expenses of probation office, \$127.75

Home Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephone bill, \$6.29

F. L. Tou Velle, county judge, salary, 150.00

F. L. Tou Velle, county judge, travelling expense, 26.00

Union Livery Stable, livery hire for delinquent child, 2.50

Wm. C. Leever, commissioner's compensation, 17.00

J. C. Smith, commissioner's compensation, 17.00

Wm. Gerig, engineer's services, 120.00

Dr. R. E. Golden, examining MacDaniels girl, 2.50

Total, \$462.95

Circuit Court

E. J. Adams, witness, 2.00

M. L. Alford, petit juror, 2.00

Onie Beaveno, petit juror, 2.00

E. P. Chandler, petit juror, 2.00

Mr. W. C. Canton, witness, 2.00

D. C. Coffman, witness, 2.00

G. H. Dox, witness, 1.50

J. M. Dews, petit juror, 1.20

W. H. Gowdy, petit juror, 1.20

W. H. Hittle, petit juror, 1.20

Floyd Jones, witness, 1.50

Ralph Jennings, petit juror, 1.50

W. H. Crawford, witness, 2.00

Mike Casey, witness, 2.00

John W. Cox, witness, 2.00

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