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		3. 20 acres of good apple land, unimproved, 12 miles from town.....	750
		4. 40 acres 6 miles from town, 37 acres in cultivation, 4 acres in strawberries, 400 apple trees of best varieties and in fine condition, several acres in Alfalfa and clover; all good land, one-half mile from school and with one of the best views in the valley. Good terms.....	6000
		5. 10 acres of unimproved land 6 miles from town, level and easily irrigated; will grow any kind of crops; close to school and irrigating ditch.....	1100
		6. 20 acres of unimproved land 6 miles from town, level and easily irrigated; will grow any kind of crops; close to school and church.....	1800
		7. 5 acres one mile from town, all cleared, fine berry or grass land.....	1100
		8. 80 acres six miles from town on West Side; 4 acres in bearing orchard; creek runs through the place; fine for fruit or grass; good 4-room house.....	3500
		9. Harry Brown place of 5 acres; 4 acres in strawberries; horse, wagon, harness, farm tools and a 4-inch water right go with the place.....	1500

CORRESPONDENCE.

ODELL.

The yule tide has again flowed in. The yule block has again been put on the fire, Christmas, with all that it means to the little ones, has again passed into history. The story of the babe cradled in the manger, as recorded by Luke, 2d chapter, has been read. The thrilling story of the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night, comes to us older ones with a touch of pathos and sweetness that should set even those of us who are traveling the thorny road of sin. On this sacred day, like the "multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," should we too look forward to the time when the realization of this beautiful picture shall leave its impress upon the modern world. Perhaps it will come with the dawn of the millennium.

The Christmas exercises conducted by the school in the new building across the way was a creditable affair. A special feature of the program was a recitation by Miss Nettie Kemp, who arrived from Portland on Saturday for a week at home and with friends here. Nettie was at her best and brought the house down and was compelled to respond to an encore. Nettie's friends always greet her kindly and enthusiastically. The last feature of the programme was the distribution of presents, and the children went home happy.

The question of knitting the boundaries of the school district is now on and will be settled by the boundary board, which convenes on the 4th of January. This is a question which materially affects the future of our district and one that the boundary board should be thoroughly informed upon before settling.

At a special school meeting called for 3 p. m. Monday, January 2, this question, together with other questions affecting the interests of the district, will be discussed, and it is the wish of the school directors and the general interest of the district that a full attendance at this meeting be had. Odell has as good a school this year as there is in Hood River valley, and we should see to it that the directors are invited in every laudable manner to perpetuate the school upon its present basis. To do this, taxes must be levied. At the school meeting last week a 15 mill tax was voted. This may seem extravagant to some, but when we consider the benefits accruing from a good school, it is the only sensible view to take of the case. By all means, let's stand by the directors in giving to the community a school that we are justly proud of.

Otto and William Ehrek Jr. returned last Friday from quite an extended visit to Portland. The boys started with the intention of going to San Francisco but changed their minds and returned. Their friends welcomed their return.

At the close of the year the Little White Store desires to extend our care to their friends who have so liberally patronized them. For more than two years we have, by painstaking effort, been trying to place the business upon a respectable and paying basis. The record of the sales is satisfactory, and the best evidence of the manner in which the business has been conducted.

At this point we desire to dispel any rumor that may be afloat to the effect that the Little White Store is going out of business. There is no thought on the part of the management of this kind, and we would probably know something about it if such was the case. The business has passed the experimental stage, and we expect it to grow

with the country and shall try to increase the stock with the increased demand. Thanking you again cordially for your patronage, and wishing all our friends a prosperous new year, we are yours for the upbuilding of Hood River valley in general and Odell in particular.

It has been suggested that a mass meeting be called to discuss the good roads question. As an advocate of such a measure I would suggest that we take the matter up and see if we can not come to some understanding whereby a united effort could be made. When the people of the district are sufficiently interested, to this good result we should continue until we have what we should have in the way of roads.

J. S. Toussy is up from Portland on his holiday vacation and will put in the time shooting stumps off the land he is clearing. Mr. Toussy is showing commendable enterprise in crowding the work of development of his mountain home. The mountain home has a double attraction. It is ideal apple land, while the scenic effects appeal to the romantic side of life. From these hills and mountain homes will in a few years be heard the horn of plenty.

We forgot the county division question last week, but desire to say now that we are uncompromisingly in favor of a county of our own. The question of taxation cuts little or no figure. Sherman county is a fitting illustration. They built cheaply. So could we. A good, safe vault would be the principal feature. But in a few years it would require a large one to hold the revenue obtained from the products of our rapidly developing valley. Nature made a dividing line between us and the eastern portion of our large county, and all that is necessary is to have it ratified by the legislature. Of course this would meet with opposition from The Dalles people. Self-preservation is the first law of nature and has never been repealed.

There is no victory without a struggle. The people of Hood River valley are able to care for themselves and could maintain a new county on an economical plan without any material increase in taxation. By all means let the effort be made, for "it is better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all."

Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Shelley extend a cordial invitation to their friends to attend a watch meeting in their rooms over the warehouse on Saturday night, December 31, to watch the passing of the old year and ushering in of the new year. This will be a good opportunity to write resolutions for the future. But perhaps it's best to write them on your cuffs, so they will wash out.

The holiday festival which was mentioned last week was held in the warehouse of the Little White Store. It was well patronized and proved a social and financial success. Much credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neff for their untiring energy in making it a success, especially so when it was entirely unselfish on their part. Their sole object being, as they express it, to unify sentiment and better the community.

Mr. Johnson, son of W. V. Johnson, will soon begin the erection of a comfortable residence on his 20-acre tract near the Watt orchard and will move his family there.

The dog poisoner is again in evidence. Recently a valuable hound belonging to Odell's brothers was dragged from under the stable of Shelley & Son to fill an unmarked grave. Better come out in the open and punish your enemies rather than inflict it upon an innocent dog. This hound was considered valuable, costing \$25.

Mr. Smith, brother of Dan, will soon move into the John Tucker house,

which was vacated by the removal of the Cushman family into the property of B. T. Young.

Mr. Lafferty and family of Mount Hood spent Christmas at the home of his father, George W. Lafferty of Odell.

Dale, the little grandson of the writer, was the happy recipient of a bran new express wagon, Christmas. He also has rubber boots and, like the boy in Eugene Field's poem, "is as good as he can be at Christmas time." Dale is the owner of the first express wagon in Odell, and he will probably advertise free delivery soon.

L. D. Boyd appeared to be the favored married man at the Christmas tree entertainment, for he got a silk umbrella that looks almost too nice to use. He will also be good.

The Oregon grape is easily the nicest winter decoration the forests afford. It was in evidence on Christmas. Nature puts a varnish on it that glistens under the rays of the coal oil or lights of Odell. The Christmas decorations were nice.

BARRETT.

1904-1905. As this is our last correspondence before the new year is ushered in, the Rockford Store takes pleasure at this time in expressing thanks to all for their liberal patronage during the past year. We have received our full share in the volume of business throughout the Barrett and surrounding districts, for which we are grateful. In 1905 we expect to do a larger business, therefore we are preparing to cater to your wants. We increase our stock most every day. Our stock is new and up to date. Our object is to furnish good goods at little money; or, small profits and quick returns. To one and all we wish a happy New Year. Rockford Store, near Barrett school house.

The Dunn brothers have contracted with I. F. Helene to grub and clear up his land lately purchased from F. C. Sherrick. We can say that the Dunn brothers do good work and do it quick, too.

Ferdinand D. Labbe, who has been at school in Portland, is home to spend the holidays with his parents.

It is evident that F. W. Angus is in dead earnest about getting his land cleared, as he has a force of white men and ten jags grubbing and cleaning up his land. Nothing like improvements. F. W. is one of our progressive farmers in the Barrett district.

Mr. J. H. Shoemaker returned home on Thursday from Portland after a short visit.

Miss Blanche Howe of Hood River is attending the Barrett school and staying with her grandparents in Igalls.

F. C. Sherrick has been hauling rocks and fixing the road leading into the school grounds. F. C. is always ready to donate work to make good roads.

The writer returns many thanks to A. B. Cash for the return of a \$5 gold piece, which in some mysterious way got into a sack of peanuts purchased by A. B. Cash at the Rockford Store.

At a meeting on Saturday, December 24, at the Barrett school house, the voters of the district voted a 10-mill tax to meet expenses of said school for the coming year.

BELMONT.

The members of the Belmont Sunday school had a very nice program prepared for Christmas eve, which was enjoyed by a large crowd. There were many presents distributed among the large audience which the church could scarcely hold. After the program was over and the presents and candy properly distributed, the people joyfully departed, wishing each and every one a merry Christmas.

J. B. King is erecting a new dwelling on his farm.

The youngest child of Joseph Buser is suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. King and Master Lester took Christmas dinner with L. C. Nealeigh and family.

Ernest Blalock and John Akin, from Sherman county, are spending Christmas at the home of Robert Jones.

Miss Bess Isenberg, who is teaching school near The Dalles, is spending Christmas with her parents.

There will be a watch meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Church, next Saturday evening.

Mr. Cole preached a good Christmas sermon at the Belmont M. E. church Sunday morning, December 25.

The presiding elder, G. M. Booth of The Dalles, will preach at the Belmont church Friday evening, December 30.

Mrs. A. Ostrander has been on the sick list for the past two weeks.

Look, look! Listen, listen! The Frankton schools will be closed until the first Monday of 1905, on account of holidays and muddy roads.

DUKES VALLEY.

Snow fell last Thursday evening to a depth of about 4 inches, stopping work at grubbing for a few days.

Christmas has come and gone. We had no Christmas tree here, but Santa Claus made us a visit and left lots of presents for old and young.

J. A. Kessel has his new house done and will move into it soon.

Oscar and Mark Cameron have taken a contract to clear three acres of land on the J. W. Jenkins place. They will clear the land and plow it and get it ready to set to orchard.

The Dodge brothers have cleared over four acres on the Booth place and are still clearing when the weather will permit.

We hear the cry all over the valley, "What horrible roads!" Well, the roads are bad, that's a fact; but when spring comes and we go to get help to fix the roads, about one out of ten will volunteer to help make roads. If we do not build roads in the spring of summer, we need not expect to have good roads in winter; so we will just have to grin and bear it until the roads get good next spring.

James Cook and family, Roy Woodworth and K. R. Abbridge and families, and W. C. Dodge and family ate Christmas dinner at T. Dodge's.

Walter Massey was out making calls on Christmas. We are glad to see Walter out and around again, after a long siege of sickness.

George A. Massey says he will be able to start teaching school soon after New Year's.

The revival meetings held here by Rev. Cummins closed last Thursday evening. Three persons were converted during the meeting. The meetings were poorly attended on account of bad roads, bad weather, and some of us have no way of going except on foot.

We understand there were two land buyers in our valley last week looking for a suitable location. We did not learn whether they found anything that suited or not; but one thing we do know, and that is that no better land can be found in Hood River valley for

fruit raising or hay land than right here. It doesn't take as much water to the acre to irrigate with as it does in other parts of the valley. It produces just as much to the acre, and it does not cost nearly as much to buy an acre of land here as it does in other parts of the valley. It will pay homesteaders to investigate closely before buying. A man who bought some land across the river, down in the rock piles, told the writer he paid \$100 per acre for his land, and when he bought it he supposed the whole valley was the same. He said he could burn the logs and stumps, but he guessed he would have to buy ten acres more of land to pile the rocks on. It pays to look around a little before buying.

UPPER MOUNT HOOD.

We have about six inches of the beautiful snow.

The people of this community were very much saddened last week when they learned of the death of T. J. Davis of this place, who recently died in Portland. Mr. Davis was highly respected by his neighbors and will be missed very much by them.

School district No. 18 voted a tax of 15 mills at the special meeting held at L. C. Weygandt's last week.

Mr. Powers, from Portland, was up on his ranch two days last week. He says we are having warmer weather up here than at Portland.

Mr. Hardiman, from Kansas, has located here and has been busy the last two weeks building a house. Even the Kansas people know a good country when they see it.

J. H. and H. J. Groff went to Hood River last week. They reported the roads very bad.

We understand there will be between 60 and 70 acres planted to orchard next spring in this section. Upper Mount Hoodites are not all sleeping their life away.

TROUT LAKE.

About six inches of snow and still snowing. Sleighing fine and a great many enjoying it.

James Coate, son of Representative Coate, is home from Portland, where he has been attending business college. He expects to remain during the holidays.

Born—December 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eckert, a 10 pound boy.

Born—December 3, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cole, a 10 1/2 pound girl. It is hard to tell who is the prouder, Eckert or Cole.

Oscar Peterson, the 9-year-old son of John Peterson, died, December 9, of typhoid fever. Several others of the family are still quite sick.

Mr. Wetberg died Thursday last at the Portland hospital of cancer of the stomach. The remains were brought to Trout Lake for interment.

The Christmas entertainment given by the school children at the school house Friday evening was a grand success. Everybody reported an enjoyable time.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year at last Sunday night's meeting of Trout Lake lodge, No. 136, A. F. and A. M.: William Coate, W. M.; E. L. Duncan, S. W.; C. Guler, J. W.; W. B. Cole, treasurer; B. C. Hamilton, secretary.

A grand ball will be given at Thodes' hall New Year's eve. A cordial invitation extended to all.

B. C. Hamilton and brother John, late of Toledo, O., spent Christmas with W. B. Cole.

M. A. Martin went to White Salmon to spend the holidays.

Owing to the condition of the roads, Myers & Kreps have put four horses on the stages at this end of the route.

Quite a number of the logging camps shut down for the holidays.

R. A. Byrket is now supplying the camps with hay and fresh meat.

Representative Coate will start for Olympia the first of next week to attend to his official duties.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Byrket expect to go to White Salmon, Wednesday, to attend the instituting of a Rebekeah lodge.

The late snow has made it fine for logging, and thousands of feet of logs are put in the river daily.

Chiquan Bros. are working quite a large crew of men at their camp.

William Roop left Friday for Portland to spend Christmas at home.

A Kingman is having all the work he can attend to building logging sleighs.

MOUNT HOOD.

The boys have organized the Baldwin Sporting club, with seven charter members. The club will meet every Friday evening.

There was a shooting match at Schmidt's place last Friday, when quite a crowd gathered and made the ducks and chickens suffer as far as numbers go.

We have about three inches of snow on the ground at present, and the mercury is down to freezing for the first time this winter.

The Sunday school people had quite a nice program at the Christmas tree last Saturday night. About 200 people were in attendance when Santa Claus made his appearance. If there was anything lacking in the program the babies made it all up for them.

Bussell Dimmick arrived here last Saturday from Southern Oregon to spend Christmas with his children. He was one of the first settlers in this country, arriving here about 22 years ago.

CRAPPER.

The Christmas entertainment at Crapper was an all round success. Those who managed the program proved themselves equal to the occasion, and the members of the school rendered their parts in a very creditable manner.

The program was rendered as follows:

Prayer—W. C. Martin.

Song of Welcome—School.

Recitation—Edith Aldridge.

Song, "Merry Christmas"—School.

Recitation—Laura Prigge.

Song, "Beautiful Hands"—Primary pupils.

Recitation—Etta Jordan.

"Fruits of the Christmas Tree"—Primary pupils.

Song, "Beautiful Star"—School.

Recitation—Mrs. Goddard.

Dialogue, "The Fairies' Christmas Joke"—Hazel Jordan, Herman Prigge, Inez Martin, Edith Aldridge, Laura Prigge, Frieda Prigge, Ellen McCurdy, Clair Fischer.

Song—Primary pupils.

Mrs. Goddard's recitation was well chosen for the occasion and rendered in her best style, which is above criticism. Her recitation elicited an enthusiastic encore to which she responded in a manner which won for her a great applause.

The little tots "said their pieces" in a very charming manner.

The fun began with the distribution of presents. Some of the gentlemen received rag dolls with heads made of red apples. It was a wise choice of headpieces, for the Hood River red apple is the ne plus ultra of things beautiful.

P. H. Martin received a delicious pumpkin pie. Sancho Panza said: "God bless the man who invented sleep." He took a somewhat view of life but not so with P. H. He looks on life from a gastronomic standpoint. Hence his invocation is, "God bless the woman who invented pumpkin pie," to which he expects all lovers of good things to respond with a hearty, amen.

Fred Taylor returned from Portland last Saturday. He reports his father, who is in a Portland hospital, improving very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perry returned to Hood River on Monday, after spending several days very pleasantly with their daughter, Mrs. E. E. Lyons.

Charles and John Stranahan and Miss Maud attended a family reunion at the home of their parents in Hood River on Christmas.

Nathan Hackett has the thanks of ye scribe and his family for a mess of very nice fish. A very acceptable Christmas present.

Misses Emma and Annie Prigge went to Goble, Or., on Monday to visit Miss Nellie Wise.

Carl Jantzen and cousin went to Vancouver, Wash., on Monday. They will also visit Portland.

UNDERWOOD.

A happy and prosperous new year to the Glacier force.

We school children are delighted over a week's vacation during the holidays.

Frank Reams and Henry Weaver spent Christmas with Willie Underwood.

Mr. Knapp is home for the holidays. The young people enjoyed a Christmas eve dance at Charlie Thornton's.

Nearly every family here had a Christmas tree this year.

Jesse Spencer is spending the holidays with his relatives and friends here.

Mr. Pierce is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler.

Perry Heath is spending the winter on his ranch, making improvements.

Mrs. Miller, superintendent, visited school Tuesday.

Frank Thornton and Clyde Hart have rented the Henderson farm at White Salmon.

Mr. Moody will open a logging camp on the school section in January.

Our new postmaster, Mr. Robard, received his appointment Tuesday. The post office will be moved to his store some time in January.

Representatives of the Menominee Mill Co. were looking over the school section and other timber lands here this past week.

Latest designs in ladies watches: gold filled, solid gold, and also with diamond setting. Also a full line of gentlemen's watches. C. H. Temple.

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