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MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO SPEND HOLIDAYS IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. John E. Mapps has returned to Portland from her home in Spokane and with her sister, Mrs. Jerry Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Turner's lovely family, left on the 25th for points in California where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. Mrs. Turner and children will return early in the New Year but Mrs. Mapps will remain for the Winter with her sister, Mrs. Waggener.

GUN AND KNIFE FIGURE IN FIGHT

Last Friday week, Charles Reed walked into the shoe shining parlor operated by M. M. Belard on Broadway and Glisan Sts. for the purpose of collecting a debt of \$50 which he claimed Belard owed him. Upon requesting payment, Reed says Belard made toward him with a big knife and a hammer and that in self defense, he drew his gun on Belard, firing several shots at him. The shots, however, missed their mark, leaving both to appear in Municipal court Monday.

At the trial Reed was sent to jail for six months and Belard paid a fine of \$50.

BROTHERHOOD HOLDS EXCELLENT MEETING

At their regular meeting Tuesday night, members of the Brotherhood arranged to stage a program of music and speech making; also to serve a free buffet luncheon. This affair will be given at Mt. Olivet Baptist church Tuesday evening January 5th. The public is cordially invited.

DOINGS OF THE ELKS

The Elks and Daughter Elks dispensed their usual Christmas charity and cheer which is an annual custom of this popular order.

A public installation of the officers of the lodge and the Temple will be held early in the New Year.

Bill Jerome Harris has no one to console him now but his little doggie, his better half having gone to California a few days ago.

A RESOLUTION

Exalted Ruler, Officers and Members of Rose City Lodge, No. 111, Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

Greetings! Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, the Creator and Ruler of the universe to take from our midst on December 8, 1925, our beloved brother, William Webb, who was a charter member and loyal Elk of Rose City Lodge, demonstrating at every opportunity his willingness to serve the cause of charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; and, whereas,

Brother William Webb had become by his integrity in the community, a character loved and respected by all people for his gentility and refinement therefore, be it

Resolved: that Rose City Lodge, No. 111, I. B. P. O. E. W. extend to the wife, mother, relatives and friends, our consolation and sympathy, and the lodge be draped in mourning for thirty days in memory of our departed brother. Further, that a copy of this resolution be sent by the lodge to the wife, mother, and relatives in the city, and a copy of same be recorded in the minutes of the lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
Lee C. Anderson
Fred McClear
E. D. Cannady
J. A. Merriman

Everybody seem to be going to the hear the Christmas Cantata sung at Mt. Olivet Baptist church Sunday night. Mrs. Pearl Mitchell in charge.

LOCAL and FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

CLUB GIVES \$100 TO "Y" FUND

Members and friends of the Old Rose Club are rejoicing over the Club's recent success in raising and presenting to the Building Fund committee of the Williams Ave. Branch Y. W. C. A. \$100 as their pledge towards the building fund. Just a few earnest and industrious workers comprise this club, and they have to their credit several hundred dollars in the bank for their own program. Mrs. W. F. Smith is the president of the club and Mrs. Virgil Keene is its secretary. The presentation was made on last Friday at a special meeting of the club at the Branch.

Miss Freita Shaw is reported to be doing fine vocal music on the S. S. H. F. Alexander plying between New York City and Florida.

MRS. HARRIS GOES SOUTH

Mrs. Jerome Harris left a few days ago for California for several months where she hopes to improve her health.

MAKING GOOD IN ALASKA

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Meredith of Cordova, Alaska send The Advocate three interior and one exterior views of their finely equipped hand laundry in which both Mr. and Mrs. Meredith and their bookkeeper and stenographer are shown. Also their engine room and general all around man helper. The Advocate is very proud of the success of these former Portlanders.

Mrs. Ruth Perry and baby girl, daughter and grand daughter, respectively of E. W. Morton, 1094 Maryland Avenue, arrived in the city a few days ago and are domiciled at the home of their parents.

Mrs. Catherine Gray and C. E. Ivey are both able to be out again although they are not considered at all well.

Rev. J. W. Anderson, Regional Sec. of the National Baptist Convention, unincorporated, returned from the east Monday where her reports having settled pastors in Pocatello, Ida., and in Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah. He reports his work in fine condition. He plans to be home for one month to work in Oregon.

Died, Mrs. Amanda Bailey, Sunday in the insane institution at Salem. For the past year and a half, Mrs. Bailey made her home with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, 91 E. 74th St., N. The only known relative of the deceased is Robert Saxon, a nephew who lives in Philadelphia whom, it is said, is a successful real estate dealer. Interment in the State cemetery in Salem.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

The children of Montavilla will be royally entertained Monday evening, December 28th at the Shiloh Baptist Church. Rev. J. W. Anderson will have charge of the arrangements. Refreshments will be served free. A Christmas Tree for the children will be the main feature. Mrs. Henry C. Thompson, Supt. of the S. S. will preside. The public is invited.

As we go to press, we learn that William Drew was injured in an auto accident Wednesday evening.

Send your friend the Advocate, for a year, as a Christmas gift.

Say you saw it in The Advocate.

Christmas Spirit

There is more wealth in the world than ever before and conditions for most of us are easier. There are large numbers of men and women living in this greatly blessed land who can well remember Christmas times when there was devout thanksgiving for enough to keep the wolf from the door. Is the world growing better? The answer is found in our own hearts and in the manner in which we have treated our fellowmen. We have no claim on happiness, on prosperity, or on comfort, except as we earn it by well doing.

However proud we may feel of our achievements, it is for us to reflect that all blessings are merely granted to us and not created by us. Possibly only loaned to us, our reward here or hereafter depending on the way we have used them. The daylight, the sunshine the beauties of nature, the pleasures of the seasons, the comforting rains; the crops, and practically everything else that contributes to our welfare, come as gifts from Nature under dispensation of an authority we may not question and but imperfectly conceive. There was One however, who greatly cleared that conception and held up a light to guide us on our way. Under the constantly extending influence of His example and teaching, it is not impossible to think of a time when His Birthday will not mean an anniversary of joy.

Christmas delightfully excites one's imagination and films one's tenderest emotions. On this day we seem to see "Father Time" with a face less grim and leaning less heavily on his scythe. The merry laughter of children extends our faith and recreates our spirit. Love, Peace and Good-will crowd out hate, suspicion, strife and gloom. So bring forth the Yule log, or whatever serves as a substitute for it. Hang the holly and the evergreen. And lest romance suffer from want of fostering, hang also the mistletoe, that sprig which times innumerable has worked magic in backward affairs of the heart.

The Advocate's wish to one and all is that Christmas Day may be a completely happy one. A Merry, Merry Christmas!

Tacoma Notes

by Mrs. J. L. Creason
1509 1/2 Tacoma Ave., Everglade Apt.

The Allen A. M. E. choir rendered its Christmas cantata at 8 o'clock last Sunday under the direction of Mrs. Johnson, the pastor's wife who is an able musician. It was well done and enjoyed by all. Solos by Mrs. Tumlin and Mrs. Dupree; Mr. Edward Miller completed an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Louis McCabe was able to be with the choir again after three months' serious illness. Every one was glad to see her in her old place.

The Booklovers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wortha Hamilton this meeting. It is a social meeting and a good time is planned.

Mr. Wendell Stafford is in the city again after a few months' absence.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock a Christmas Tree at Allen church. Fri. morning at 5:45, Christmas morning, candle service and sermon with both churches furnishing music jointly.

Mrs. Carrie Fuller who has been very ill in the hospital, is able to be home where she is slowly improving. Johnny Bridges is reported improving.

I. A. G. Washington is still on the sick list but his friends hope him a speedy recovery.

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MURDERED IN LONGVIEW

Minnie Scott, a Portland woman was shot to death Monday on the streets of Longview, Wash. The shooting was done by Al Williams. Williams was arrested and a charge of first degree murder has been filed against him. Miss Scott, the victim, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thornton who live in Portland.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE PASSING OF MRS. LOUISE THOMAS

Syracuse Lodge No. 1 of Portland, Oregon, December 7, 1925, in regular session assembled.

Whereas

It came to our notice that the Divine Providence, who knoweth and doeth all things well, has seen fit to take from this life, the beloved wife of our respected District Deputy, Sir Knight, O. S. Thomas, therefore, we the officers and members of Syracuse Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, N. A. S. A., E. A. A. and A. take this means of expressing our sorrow to our District Deputy in his hour of sorrow.

That we recommend him The Jewel That we commend him, in his grief to Him who died upon the Cross that we may be saved.

That the Keeper of Records and Seals of this lodge is hereby requested to send a copy of these resolutions to Sir O. S. Thomas, and a copy be spread upon the record book of this lodge and a copy be published in The Advocate.

Committee.

Boyce Strain, C. C.

L. A. ASHFORD, V. C.

ARTHUR NELSON, K. of R. S.

HOTEL NOTES

James Kitchen, waiter at The Portland has been ditched by the headwaiter Wilkerson for a week. James' offense was going to bed too soon and getting up too late.

Minnie Clingsmith an efficient and well liked checker at The Portland for a number of months, has gone to California to reside.

Wm Reese an old time hasher made a round of the Pacific coast last week waiting on a private car.

The usual big time is anticipated at The Portland Christmas eve.

Williams Ave., "Y" Notes

The Y. W. C. A. Christmas Tree for all children on Christmas Eve, from 2 to 4 P. M.

The Crystal Club had a most interesting club meeting on Thursday. They are assisting the Christmas Tree plan.

A splendid program is being arranged for Vespers.

The Bible Class will not meet again until the January term.

Thos. R. Williams, 911 E. 8th St., N. is reported to have figured in an auto accident one day this week. So far we have not learned the particulars.

ARROW TIPS

(BY KITS REID)

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits Reid's views, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane, and logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with Kits, and she invites your opinion upon the subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

Hark the Herald Angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Hail the son of Righteousness
Hail the Heaven born Prince of Peace!

Throughout all Christendom, those words will be sung on Christmas Morning. Sung with the lips but not with the hearts of men. Everywhere is the shadow of war deepening and nowhere is the Prince of Peace anything but a prince in name—not in reality.

And nowhere is the worship more of a shame than it is in this wonderful America. Nowhere is there such a shadowy pretense of "following in the footsteps of the Princely Child of Bethlehem!"

Preparations for war are going on openly and in secret while we sing carols on the day when our Christchild was born. Oh, the travesty of it all! The blind wickedness of it all! And as the divine law of retribution cannot be transgressed, just in the same measure will our punishment come—swift and sure.

Why all these sombre predictions, instead of songs of joyous acclaim? Because there is need for an awakening of the mothers of this nation to the dangers which threaten not only their sons but their daughters. Under the guise of education our sons and daughters are being made ready for the sacrifice on the altar of greed—that is all that war is,—greed, greed, greed. Greed for markets on the part of nations, greed for contracts on the part of big business, greed for applause and emoluments on the part of politicians.—Greed, all greed!

Let me prove the above charge against our schools and colleges. I have made the statement, over and over again, in this column, that at our University of Oregon, and at the college at Corvallis, our boys are compelled to take Military training—regardless of their own convictions as to military service. Let me now give in plain everyday language the program under which this "art of soldiering" is foisted on Oregon boys.

In 1916, Congress passed what is known as the National Defense Act, amended in 1920 (two years after the Armistice). The country is divided into military districts and our state militia is supported out of appropriations of the War department and is under its regulation. Under the Act, the War department is authorized to establish a Reserve Officers Training Corps in educational institutions.

In 83 Colleges this training is now

compulsory, while in 48 it is elective. When I say compulsory, I do not mean that it is compulsory under mandate of the War department, but under the mandate of the Boards of Regents of the colleges as at Eugene. In many states, it has been established in high schools. You will recall that an attempt was made in this state to do the same thing.

Let us look at some cold figures for a moment and perhaps you will realize that the time has come for a protest against this iniquitous thing which is being fostered on our people.

In 1924-5, military instruction was given in 225 educational institutions; 768 officers and 1064 enlisted men were assigned from the regular army for the work; the number of students enrolled was 125,504; the cost was \$3,818,020; the total appropriation including military training camps was \$5,900,000.

General Pershing is quite optimistic about it all—listen to what he says: "the time is not far distant when instead of training 35,000 young men we will be training 100,000 each year." And he adds, "the fervent hope" that there might be devised "plans and policies which could be applied to our public schools everywhere." If my space permitted many more paragraphs could be quoted from the speech of this bloodthirsty old wretch as his "hopes and ambitions" that America may become a military nation. It is still within my memory when to the last man, this country scorned every thing Prussian. The plans of Pershing are copied verbatim to the last dot of the 'i' and crossing of the 't' from the militarization which preceded the fall of the German Empire. Let him be blind that he cannot read the handwriting on the wall! Imperialism and militarism are twin monsters that march on one road only the road to destruction of nations.

The terrible mockery of it all—the inhumanity of it. Your son and mine, for whose birth we went down to death's door in the travail of suffering, are to be sacrificed on the altar of greed. We are to lose them, watch over them, see them grow to manhood, only to have them claimed by these gods of destruction and taught to kill each other. Shall we submit or shall we say "no you shall not have my son to turn into a murderer."

Let us should be fooled by their specious arguments, let me quote two paragraphs—one from the preface to American Fathers and Mothers in the Junior R. O. T. C. Manual.

"The purpose of this book is not to develop them physically, morally and mentally into the best type of citizens, capable of defending our flag should the emergency arise."

Now let us compare the foregoing with a paragraph from the instruction to Army officers in Infantry Drill Regulations for 1925 for use with the R. O. T. C. Manual.

"Always remember that men are the material being trained and moulded."

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