

NEHALEM.

A merry Christmas. The Christmas tree at the church on Saturday evening was a success in every way. Owing to the non-arrival of the boat many expected presents were not there; still the tree was full and very nicely decorated, and the exercises well rendered.

There was a Christmas tree at the Union Peak school-house on Christmas day, at which a good time is reported.

There was a dance at Cranes Christmas night at which eighteen couples participated.

There will be a masked ball at Batterson's hall on Saturday evening.

W. H. Hoskins, of Foley, dehorned 25 head of cattle in one hour with a "key-stone" dehorner. It is the boss machine for a very necessary job, and as it cuts all around the horn at the same time, inflicts the least pain. William and his neighbors will now be up with progressive farmers, and raise hornless cattle by dehorning their calves with caustic potash in future, 25c. worth will dehorn 50 head.

Hornless cattle are to be preferred from any standpoint.

A number of our fishermen are fishing for steel-heads for which 20c. each is being paid. The fish are delivered at Henry Tobl's, where a salting establishment has been erected.

School will commence in town, and on the Sand-hills with the new year. Miss Ida High will have charge of the town school, and Miss Tacey Wilkinson the latter.

The Woodmen will hold their regular meeting on Friday, the 29th inst.

BOULDER CREEK BUBBLES.

Mr. Lucas brought a load of goods from Tillamook a few days ago.

Miss Linnie Nicklans is at home again after quite a long sojourn on Wilson River.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kinneman were very agreeably surprised by a visit from some of their relatives last week. The party consisted of the Misses Lesta Finley and Lucy Kinneman, Oliver Kinneman, Edna Finley, and Miss Helena Wolf school teacher, all from Beaver.

Mrs. Borba has been quite sick, but is now better at the present writing.

John Lynch was in this vicinity a few days lately on business connected with Portling his ranch.

Miss Lulu Bays visited with Mrs. Grace on Saturday.

Miss Sylvia David was calling on her many Boulder Creek friends last week.

Mr. Nicklans and his son Jake went to Tillamook last week after supplies, returning Saturday with Mr. Lucas.

Ed. Kinneman is slashing some on his ranch this winter.

Mr. Booth and Mr. Bays each sent several kegs of butter to Tillamook when Mr. Lucas went out.

Mr. Brady and his daughter-in-law made a trip to Beaver one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bevins visited at John Brady's on Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Nicklans started Monday on her long journey to Wisconsin. She walked over the mountains to Sheridan. Mr. Nicklans will accompany her as far as Portland.

A large barn is in process of construction on the Hughey place. Rev. Tresen-writer is the head carpenter.

Master Ernie Smith and little Miss Edith, his sister, spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Chopard. These little folks are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby sister at their home on the 19th inst.

Mrs. A. Doutzard came near getting seriously hurt a short time ago. A fence broke down as she was climbing over it and inflicted several severe flesh wounds, fortunately nothing very dangerous.

Mrs. Doutzard had a glimpse of two young fellows who must have been fond of sweet things. They were in the act of removing the cap of a bee hive, and when she appeared on the scene they retired hastily over a convenient log, and neglected to leave their cards.

A. U. Revoir.

SANDLAKE.

Frank Atkinson is making quite extensive improvements on his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Sommer spent a few days this week at Mr. Waymire's, who is quite sick.

Quite a few of the Sandlakers took in the masquerade at Woods Christmas, a huge time is reported.

There are now three bachelors living on the Lake and not one of them likes their calling.

Jeff Harris has returned from Salmon River, and reports things quite lively down there, and that his place is showing considerable improvements. He is enlarging his house, building a wash-house and otherwise improving.

Joy May has gone to the city.

J. C. Gow of this place claims to be afflicted with a very peculiar ailment, and seems to be extremely nervous. When asked what was the matter with him he says: "I don't know any thing." He has been in the city.

help, he is done up and the worst of it is he is liable to live many years a sufferer.

WILSON RIVER.

The children are all happy over Christmas past and toys present.

W. G. Kelso was the pleased purchaser of one of the best working teams in the county the first of last week.

The Bayview farmers were busy threshing their oats last week.

Lewis Anderson returned from Nehalem on Saturday.

Malcom Wistrom spent his Christmas at the home of E. Glad.

Mr. Svenson had a lame horse doctored last Monday week.

Chas Lundquist and wife stopped at Mr. Wicklund's on their way to spend Christmas with Mrs. Lundquist's parents at Netarts.

Rev. J. Norens, who left here last spring for Georgetown, Colo., writes that winter began with cold and snow the 10th of Oct.

ORETOWN.

There are about five thousand cases of salmon and several tons of cheese awaiting shipment at the cannery, to say nothing about butter and salt salmon.

Tillamook county is badly in need of a railroad.

So far this is about the mildest winter on record in this part of the country.

Several private Christmas trees were enjoyed in this vicinity; otherwise, Christmas passed very quietly.

Lewis Sutton, oldest son of Vincent Sutton, is visiting at Frank Franklin's.

SOUTH PRAIRIE.

Usual Christmas turkey, with heavy after feelings—wish we hadn't, etc.

August statement for patrons of South Prairie cheese factory, returns net, 24 cents per pound for butter fat.

Our neighbor, James Steel, was anything but merry on Christmas. Some reckless chap had killed his dog.

Riley Simmons is home again from the mines in Idaho, where he will return in the spring. Riley has developed into a fine looking young gentleman.

Our Catholic friends and neighbors are to be congratulated upon the accession of a new priest, the Rev. Burri. We never saw the new father, but we are ready to take all chances on the change.

Our school closes successfully Friday next under Miss T. Wilkinson, completing in all eight months and one week the school in the district (No. 2) for the year, which is more than this district ever had before.

The large two-story warehouse opposite the depot at Roseburg, formerly known as the Grangers' warehouse, burned at 10 o'clock Monday night. The owner was Mrs. Josephine, and the lessees Miller & Alkens. The warehouse is a total loss, together with much valuable machinery, 50 tons of grain and 15 tons of flour. The loss is about \$4000 fully covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it was evidently incendiary. It originated in the back part of the upper story. Energetic work by the fire department saved the adjoining warehouses. By prompt work the railway employees removed many cars that were exposed.

The big rabbit drive Saturday was an interesting and exciting affair. About 500 people from Blackfoot and vicinity gathered at the school section north of town to participate in the amusing pastime. Between 2000 and 2,500 jack-rabbits were surrounded on the final round-up, but whereas they were to be taken alive, most of them escaped, for the reason that the wire netting was not substantially fastened down and because the people became too excited and rushed the frisky fellows too fast, so that in their strenuous effort to escape imprisonment they charged through the rank and file of the enemy, where many of them met a worse fate, even death itself. Mr. Ross, who gave the drive, succeeded therefore in getting only about 200 rabbits. These he has fenced in on Billy Wood's place. The evening was a rip-roaring success, as far as the turnout was concerned, and all those present seemed to enjoy themselves.

CUT IN MEAT.

Buy your meat at the Central Meat Market at reduced prices:

- Prime Roast Beef..... 8c.
- Shoulder..... 7c.
- Boiling Beef Ribs..... 5c.
- Round Steak..... 8c.
- Sirloin Steak..... 10c.
- Porterhouse Steak..... 11c.
- Pork Chops..... 8c.
- Pork, Roast..... 8c.
- Sausage..... 8c.
- Mutton, legs..... 10c.
- Mutton chops..... 10c.
- Mutton, shoulder..... 8c.
- Mutton, stew..... 6c.

LEACH & JONES, Central Meat Market.

"Last time I heard of Miss Flynn she was engaged to young Pedrick."

"Well, that's off. She's going to marry a foreigner."

SEVERE SHAKING UP.

Disasterous Earthquake in Southern California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—At 4:25 o'clock this morning a severe earthquake shock was felt over a large portion of Southern California. The undulations lasted about 12 seconds. The entire center of the shock appears to have been at San Jacinto, a small town in Riverside county. The business portion of San Jacinto consists of two blocks of two-story buildings, some of which are built of brick. Ten or 15 buildings were damaged, chimneys being toppled over and walls cracked and chimneys shaken. The total damage at San Jacinto and Hemet, a small town near by, is estimated at \$50,000. The large tourist hotel at Hemet was damaged and the hospital at San Jacinto also suffered. The shock was heavy at Santa Ana, Anaheim, San Bernardino, Riverside and other places, but no particular damage is reported, except from San Jacinto and Hemet.

Where the Shock Was Heaviest.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 25.—Word received here today that San Jacinto suffered severely from a shock of earthquake, which occurred there about 4:25 A. M. Every brick building in town is badly damaged. The county hospital, at Bowers, shared the fate of other buildings, but the greatest damage was sustained by the following stores and business houses:

Diamond Brothers, grocery; Seiff's store, Chinese restaurant, postoffice; Claire's tailor shop, Shaver & Spence, hardware; McKim, drug store; barber shop in Domongeni block; Dr. Toland's office, Wright's drug store, Ralston's store, Banker's grocery and Kauffman's drug store.

In many stores great damage was done to the stock, as well as to buildings. No lives were lost and no one was seriously injured, although many people occupied the buildings destroyed. The town is all excitement, and people throng the streets. Electric wires are down, and a part of the power-house has fallen in. Artesian wells are flowing abundantly.

The shock almost shook Hemet to pieces. The damage is great, but just how much it amounts to in dollars and cents it is impossible to say. There are but two chimneys left in the town. The firewalls of Webber's brick store fell out and the plate-glass windows fell and were smashed. The entire stock of goods is on the floor in a heap. Chimneys of the Hotel Hemet fell, many of them crashing through the roof. The rear wall of the Johnson block fell outward, and the whole building was badly demolished. The third story of the Hemet mills is down and the second-story walls fell in. Prugh's grocery-store fixtures were all shaken down, and the goods were piled on the floor. The new Whittier block was but slightly damaged. The front of Parker's fell out, and the shelving was shaken down.

The shock was severe at Corona, but no special damage is reported, aside from slight wall cracks. The shock was also severe at Perris and Moreno, and in the latter place brick buildings were damaged.

Mixed Marriages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Archbishop Corrigan has transmitted to the clergy of the diocese a decree from the vatican bearing on the celebration of the jubilee of the holy year. One effect of the decree will be to make difficult the marriage of a Catholic to a Protestant by a priest in 1900. Mixed marriages, as they are commonly termed, are customarily allowed only by dispensation of the bishops, but for the holy year this power is suspended.

In his circular Archbishop Corrigan says that the pope suspends special faculties to ordinaries of dioceses, "so that, at this season particularly, Rome should be the great fountain head of mercy and spiritual favors for the Catholics of the entire world." This is understood in Catholic circles to mean that only by applying direct to Rome shall dispensations be granted during the year 1900.

Under Martial Law.

MANILA, Dec. 27, 9 A. M.—General S. B. M. Young has been appointed military governor of the provinces of the Northwestern Luzon, with headquarters at Vigah. His command includes the Thirty-third infantry, under Colonel Luther R. Hare, and the Third cavalry. He will establish permanent stations at San Fernan-go and Laoag, with outposts where needed.

The Sixteenth infantry will proceed to Aparri, garrisoning such towns as may be deemed necessary in the provinces of Cagapan, Isabela and Nueva Viscaya, of which Colonel Hood has been appointed military governor.

General Young and Colonel Hood are establishing municipal governments, and the ports in Luzon will be open for trade about January 1.

"Young man," said the old gentleman, "my daughter is too young to marry."

"A girl of her age cannot be sure of her mind in the matter of such importance."

"I fully realize that," replied the young man, "but I have loved the fair one's daughter for years."

THE SOUTH AFRICA WAR.

Disaffection Among the Free State Troops.

MODDER RIVER, Cape Colony, Dec. 20.—The British naval guns command the whole Boers' position, and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of the group of Boers. The Burghers are reported to be returning home for Christmas.

Recent arrivals from Jacobsdale report that notwithstanding the Boer success, the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the overbearing conduct of General Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions. The Transvaalers do not conceal their suspicions of possible defection of Free Staters and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering. The Free Staters are said to regard subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The latest cable dispatches from South Africa show the situation at the front is practically unchanged. With the exception of desultory artillery practice, in which the Boers did not reply, the British continue to mark time. The Boers heavily bombarded Ladysmith for a couple of hours December 16, the day after the battle of Tugela river, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Advices from Cape Town say the New Zealanders, with General French at Naauwpoort, were in a tight corner December 18. They were nearly surrounded by Boers, and retired under a hail of bullets fired at short range, but sustaining only little loss. Among the Boers killed at Stormberg were many of that locality who had joined the Free State forces.

Several newspaper correspondents have returned to Cape Town from Modder river, apparently confirming the belief that an immediate advance of the British is not projected. The war office received the following dispatch from Cape Town December 25:

"There is no change in the situation at Modder river. Methuen is well entrenched, and the Boers have not disturbed him. Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police have occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreated with no loss."

The war office has received a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated December 24, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith, December 22, Captain Wathen and Oakes, Lieutenant Huiz and Lieutenant-Colonel Fawcett were wounded and nine noncommissioned officers and men were killed and 10 wounded. This battle had not been recorded before this.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, December 20, says that gladders has broken out among the American mules, of which there are 1100 at the Stellenbosch Remount farm. Twenty-six mules have been destroyed and 78 have been isolated. The dispatch says the disease is spreading.

Three members of the Cape parliament are alleged to have presented a Free State flag to a Boer commander, at the same time expressing hope that he would carry it to glory and victory. Another member of parliament is said to be recruiting for the Boers. In addition, wealthy farmers are now siding the invaders.

Fenians Will Invade Canada.

BUFFALO, N. Y. Dec. 26.—A special from Dunkirk says: The Fenians are said to be organizing here for an invasion of Canada. A man known to have knowledge of condition of Fenian affairs in the Dunkirk says this city has been called upon to raise 600 men to form a part of New York's quota for the 12,000 men that are to be enrolled throughout the country. At the present time 500 men are known to be mustered with the Fenians here, and the remaining 100 will be obtained with little difficulty.

It is currently reported and extensively credited that the Fenians have two carloads of arms and munitions of war in concealment in or near this city. This material is said to have been in the possession of Dunkirk Fenians for some years.

TWO LIVE PAPERS.

The regular subscription price of THE HEADLIGHT is \$1.50, and the regular subscription price of the Weekly Oregonian is \$1.50. Any one subscribing for THE HEADLIGHT and paying one year in advance can get both the

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One Year for \$2.25.

ENTOMBED IN A MINE.

Thirty Men Perish in a Colliery Horror.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—A special to the Post, from Brownsville, Pa., says: "There is scarcely any hope that any man in the pit is now alive."

These were the words of Mine Inspector James W. Blick, uttered by him at 10 o'clock tonight, as he stood at the mouth of Brazzell mine, in whose depths 30 men are entombed. That they will get out alive is exceedingly improbable, and tonight, mothers, wives and sisters mourn them as dead. Since early this morning the imprisoned men have been without food or any air. They are separated from eager searchers by walls of debris which fell when the explosion took place and blocked the road to liberty.

At 7:30 this morning, the death-dealing blast was loosed. Owing to a shortage of cars less than the usual number of men entered the pit. The mine is that of the Stockdale Coal Company, and lies four miles from Brownsville, and 14 miles from Uniontown. It is known as Brazzell mine, and lies near a station by that name, on the Redstone Creek branch of the Pennsylvania railroad.

At 5 o'clock this morning, Fire Boss James Radcliff went through the mine as usual and found gas or "fire damp" in two places. He detected about four inches of gas in the main entry about 100 yards from the main shaft, and about an equal quantity in a room on a side entry, a short distance away. The fire boss reported the presence of the gas to the superintendent that it was all right for the men to enter. The men were lowered into the mine in the cage, descending the main shaft, which is vertical.

From 40 to 50 men had entered the mine and dispersed through it when the gas was ignited in some manner not yet ascertained. A tremendous explosion occurred. Its force must have reached every man in the mine. The cage in the main shaft, which was at the bottom was blown to splinters, and the hoisting machinery wrecked. About 100 yards from the main entrance was an air shaft, also vertical and brick lined. It was torn by the blast, and the bricks were blown to the very top.

The men descended in the cage of the main shaft from eight to 10 at a time. A moment after the fifth load had descended there was a roar that shook the immense iron tippel above the main shaft and reverberated from the hillsides. There was no need to tell what had happened. Frantic women and frightened children dashed out of their dwellings just across the railroad track and rushed toward the mouth of the shaft. They were driven back by the smoke that poured up from the mine. A minute later everything was quiet. The big engines stopped and the fan was hushed.

AFRICA IN NEXT CENTURY.

Startling Contrasts Promised in the Dark Continent.

The 20th century Africa promises startling contrasts when compared with the Africa of the 19th century. With an area four times as great as that of the United States, a population of 150,000,000, a soil and climate capable of infinite variety of production, a rapidly expanding commerce, and the greatest known supplies of ivory, gold and diamonds, its development under the modern methods which are now being applied to it is practically assured. The home of the oldest civilization, it is the last of the continents to yield to the touch of the newest civilization. But enveloped in the darkness of mystery without, and ignorance within, its importance and attractions are being recognized, and with this recognition must come development. With 2,000,000 Europeans scattered over its vast area, acquainting themselves with its natural conditions and requirements, with the steamer, the telegraph and the telephone carrying light and knowledge and civilization to its darkest corners, Africa cannot long remain unknown or unknowing.

It was only after the explorers—Livingstone, Speke, Stanley and others—had discovered, through persistent and heroic efforts, that there existed vast navigable waterways above the falls near the mouths of the great steams which flow from the interior, that European nations awoke to the physical and commercial possibilities of Africa; and then, in a twinkling, the Dark Continent was seized upon and divided up, and became, as by magic, a vast European "hinterland." Between 1884 and 1898 an area two and a half times the size of the United States and containing a population of 100,000,000 was parcelled out by an agreement of the European powers. At present, scarcely a foot of African territory remains unclaimed.—The Forum.

Cordova Wax Candles. Nothing else adds so much to the charm of the drawing room or parlor as the soft, steady light from CORDOVA Candles. Nothing will contribute more to the pleasure of the hostess than the soft, steady light from the CORDOVA Candles for the simple or the most elaborate function—for outside or inside use. Made in all colors and the most delicate shades by STANDARD OIL CO. and sold everywhere.

Scraps.

"You appear to be eyeing that fowl suspiciously, Mr. Rivers," said the grocer. "Don't you like the cut of its jib?" "I don't like the cut of its giblets," replied Rivers.

Human nature is a queer thing. You realize this when you look at other people.

"Yes, the bible's all right, all men are liars."

"What makes you think so?" "I have never yet asked a guest at my house whether he liked light or dark meat without being told that he had no preference."

The naval hero was wounded to the quick by this latest calumny.

"It was not enough to accuse me of having hidden behind the conning tower during the battle!" he exclaimed, with emotion. "They must needs furthermore insinuate that I have nothing tattooed on my arm!"

Then he cursed the day of his being beguiled into politics.

Mr. Chugwater—I see they've found they can make a pretty good water bucket out of straw.

Mrs. Chugwater—I thought that would be the next thing. According to the papers they've been making straw bails ever so long.

Mrs. Peppers—Don't you fret so about burglars, John. Any man that thinks he can steal into this house and walk away with any of my belongings don't know what he's got to deal with.

Mr. Peppers—If he did, Marthy, he'd never try.

"You advertised I believe, that you would tell women how to be beautiful."

"I did."

"Well, I'd like to know how."

"Certainly, certainly. Two dollars. Thank you. The surest way is to be born beautiful. Call again some time."

"What is a coquette, papa?" she asked as she looked up from her book.

"A coquette," replied the old gentleman, "is a girl that has lots of admiration and nary a husband."

"You say my old friend has left town with a party? What did he go for?"

"Seven years—with a chance to get two off for good behavior."

A Necessity.

A few evenings ago a physician, returning from his daily round of visits, overheard two colored citizen conversing as they plodded homeward from their work.

"Is you gwine ter prayer meetin' dis evenin', Jim?" asked one of the pedestrians.

"Yes, indeed, I is dat. Is you?" replied the other.

"You bet I is," said the first. "I tell you, I considers religion one uv de necessary ebils."

He Guessed It.

"Permit me to suggest, miss, that you are not looking your best," said the photographer.

"I know it," she replied.

"The way you have used the powder and pencil gives you a ghastly appearance."

"I know it," she replied again, "and when you touch it up, if you can make the cheeks look sunken and the eyes listless, I wouldn't mind paying you something extra."

"Yes, yes, of course," he returned, beginning to comprehend. "Ravages of blighted affection and all that. When does your breach of promise cease come up for trial?"

O.R.&N.

Union Depot, Sixth and J Streets.

TWO TRAINS DAILY FROM ALL POINTS EAST.

"FAST MAIL ROUTE."

Leaves for the East via Walla Walla and Spokane daily at 2:20 p.m. Arrives at 10:35 a.m.

Leaves for the East via Pendleton and Huntington daily at 8 p.m. Arrives via Huntington and Pendleton at 7:20 a.m.

Dallas accommodation leaves daily except Sundays at 8 a.m. Arrives daily except Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

THROUGH PULLMAN AND TOURIST SLEEPERS.

Water lines schedule subject to change without notice.

OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE.

OCEAN DIVISION.—Steamships sail from Astoria dock at 8 p.m. For San Francisco Geo. A. Elder sails October 4, 11, 18 and 25. Columbia sails October 5, 12 and 21. State of California sails October 8, 17 and 25.

COLUMBIA RIVER SUMMER SCHEDULE DIVISION.

PORTLAND, ASTORIA AND THE COAST. Steamer R. R. Thompson leaves Portland daily, except Sunday, at 8 p.m., on Saturday at 10 p.m. Returning, leave Astoria daily, except Sunday, at 8 a.m.

WILLAMETTE RIVER ROUTE.

PORTLAND AND SALEM. Steamer Ruth, for Salem and way points leaves Portland Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. Returning, leaves Salem Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:15 a.m.

YAMHILL RIVER ROUTE. Steamer Modoc, for Layton and way points leaves Portland Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 a.m. Returning, leaves Dayton for Portland and way points Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m.

Steamer Athena leaves Riparia Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:45 a.m. for arrival of trade from Spokane and Portland. Leaves Lewiston, returning, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m.

Steamer Lillian leaves Riparia Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:45 a.m. after arrival of trade from Spokane and Portland. Leaves Lewiston, returning, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 a.m.