

Beasley's Christmas Party

By BOOTH TARKINGTON



"It looked like a house where there were a grandfather and a grandmother; where holidays were warmly kept; where there were boisterous family reunions to which uncles and aunts who had been born there would return from no matter what distances; a house where big turkeys would be on the table often; where 'the hired man' (named either Abner or Ole) would crack walnuts on a station clutched between his knees on the back porch; it looked like a house where they played charades; where there would be long streamers of evergreen and dozens of wreaths of holly at Christmas time; where there were tearful, happy weddings and great throwings of rice after little brides from the front steps; in a word, it was the sort of a house to make the hearts of spinsters and bachelors very lonely and wistful — — —"

Instead of the above, it was the abode of a single, lonely man. Within its walls occurred the strangest Christmas party ever held; recorded by America's great and many-sided story-teller with the singular magic which he alone knows how to employ.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Albany merchants will organize a chapter of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association.

Union county is now harvesting the largest crop of apples that has been grown during the last few years.

University of Oregon's medical school has received a gift of \$50,000 from the Rockefeller foundation.

Operators of motor passenger and freight lines of Oregon assembled in Salem and formed a state organization.

The seventeenth annual convention of the Oregon Parent-Teacher association held a three-day session at Eugene.

The work of building a breakwater to protect the state fish hatchery and the county bridge near Oakridge has been started.

Tillamook's school budget for next year calls for \$59,610, which is a reduction of about \$2500 from the previous budget.

Within the next two weeks three large Japanese steamers will load 6,000,000 feet of lumber at North Bend for China and Japan.

The estimated total valuation of the tax roll in Wasco county is in the neighborhood of \$20,850,000, or about \$150,000 more than the 1921 estimate.

A new cluster light system and a bridge across the south Umpqua river, in the southern part of the city, are provided for in the Roseburg city budget.

Mrs. A. O. Pound of Aumsville is searching for her husband, 51 years of age, who mysteriously dropped from sight October 19 while on a trip to Salem.

Pendleton's new hospital, St. Anthonys, built and equipped at a cost of \$300,000 and declared to be the finest in the Northwest, was dedicated Sunday.

Dwelling construction in Bend has reached its highest point since 1917. During the past month permits were taken out for new buildings valued at \$47,155.

The second annual floral show will be held by wholesale and retail florists of Portland under the auspices of the chamber of commerce November 14, 15 and 16.

The Bend Chamber of Commerce has tabled the request of A. W. Arnold for indorsement of his plan to build a wooden rail road from Bend to Lakeview.

O. D. Bare, who killed his father in a quarrel at the ranch home on Calamity creek, near Drewsey, was acquitted by a coroner's verdict of justifiable homicide.

S. A. Stanfield, brother of Senator Stanfield, is reported to have purchased 15,000 lambs in Central Oregon last week for the Stanfield interests, for shipment to Idaho.

A big log hotel being built at Elk lake in Deschutes county will be ready by next summer for tourists, who are visiting that resort in constantly increasing numbers yearly.

The 1922 grape crop of Clackamas county has been the largest in years, and the fruit is of exceptionally fine quality. The grapes have found a ready sale at 4 to 5 cents a pound.

After investigation, the Baker city commission has completely exonerated Frank Littlefield, captain of police, of all charges preferred against him by his fellow officers some weeks ago.

The Pendleton duck club is the name of Pendleton's newest sportsmen's organization. Over 1000 acres of land near Cold Springs landing, on the Columbia, have been leased and feeding has begun.

The rains of the last few days have washed out a section of the rock walls of the new Mapleton-Cushman road being built by the Northern Pacific company down the north bank of the Sluslaw river.

Harold Transue, 12-year-old son of W. O. Transue of Baker, who has been missing from his home for more than a month, has been picked up by Stockton, Cal., authorities and will be returned to Baker.

Following the stormy weather and southerly winds of the last few days there has been a slight improvement in the catch of silversides at the mouth of the Columbia river, although the take is not large.

Raymond "Curry" Bryson, star quarterback on the Albany high school football team, died in an Albany hospital from complications due to pneumonia and injury received in a football game at Salem.

A shipment of 25 boxes of Newtowns and 15 boxes of Spitzenberg apples from Portland to Buenos Aires aboard the steamer West Katan may revolutionize the movement of Pacific north-west apples to South America. The test shipment is to determine whether the apples will carry to the Argentine without refrigeration by Pacific coastwise vessels.

The Oregon branch of the Modern Woodmen of America held its twenty-fifth annual convention, or silver jubilee, commemorating the anniversary of the first lodge west of the Rockies, at Portland last week.

Friday was Frances E. Willard day in the public schools of Oregon. In every school in the state exercises were held in commemoration of the life, history and achievements of the great woman educator and reformer.

The George Palmer Lumber company of La Grande has been sold to the Bowman-Hicks company of Kansas City. The properties include the manufacturing plant in La Grande and timber holdings covering 100,000 acres.

The total value of Marion county's taxable property, exclusive of public utilities, is \$37,496,030 for 1922, according to a recapitulation made by Assessor Steelhammer. The figures show an increase of \$98,560 over last year.

The refrigerator car shortage, according to Hood River apple shippers, has reached a serious stage. Unless relief comes quickly every storage and shipping warehouse in the Hood River valley will have to cease deliveries.

Approximately 2100 tons of onions, sufficient to load three freight trains of 47 cars each, were harvested this year by growers in the Lake Labish district, about nine miles north of Salem. The estimated value is placed by growers at \$45,000.

Applications with which to apply for their 1923 motor vehicle licenses have been mailed to the state's various motor vehicle owners by Secretary of State Kezer. The mailing constituted 125,075 separate parcels, which went to virtually every postoffice in Oregon.

Wilful deceit and misconduct in his profession was charged to Lon L. Parker, Portland attorney, by the grievance committee of the Multnomah Bar association, which has instituted disbarment proceedings against Parker in the supreme court at Salem.

The city water of Eugene is absolutely pure and the malady that is now prevalent among students of the University of Oregon is not the result of contaminated water, according to Professor Sweetser, head of the department of botany and bacteriology at the university.

Validation by the state supreme court last week of the organization and \$180,000 bond election proceedings of the Central Oregon Irrigation district will mean that the district can start immediately on the construction of the flume south of Bend, replacing the worn-out structure now in use.

Another source of supply of timber for the sawmill at Garibaldi has been procured by the Whitney company, which concern has contracted for 30,000,000 feet of choice pine and hemlock situated on Kiger hill, a mile and a half to two miles east of Garibaldi, which property is owned by George Kiger of Tillamook.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has adopted a resolution favoring the plan of H. H. Corey, state public service commissioner, which advocates the completion of the Natron cut-off, the extension of the Deschutes-to-Odell line, the extension of the Oregon short line to Odell and extension of rail facilities to Lakeview.

The state of Oregon has more lawyers per capita than any other section of the United States, with the exception of California and the District of Columbia. This information is set forth in a table, based upon the last census, which shows that Oregon has 1424 lawyers, which is one for every 550 inhabitants.

A successful prune-harvesting season has been completed in Union county, with Cove and Union as the two centers. Together the two towns shipped 53 carloads of prunes to outside points and a large quantity is being kept in the warehouses drying. Despite the fine crop, several of the orchardists failed to realize profits, due to the low market.

Street lights were turned on at noon-day and automobilists found their way about with headlights burning when the worst sand and dust storm in the memory of the oldest inhabitant swirled down upon the city of Klamath Falls Friday. A strong gale carried ashes and dust from the midland district, recently swept by a grain and tule fire, over a widespread area.

A tract of 9681 acres of public land in the Klamath irrigation project was opened to homestead entry Saturday. Under provisions of an act of congress 90 days preference right will be granted to ex-service men of the war with Germany after which any lands remaining unentered will be open to filing by persons qualified to make homestead entry in the United States.

Fred Noah, 19, an expert high climber of Coos county, with a careless swing of his supporting belt, threw it over the top of a tree which had been topped and fell 132 feet to the ground, striking in a sitting posture on the soft earth. Both pelvic bones were broken and he suffered a fractured skull, but he lost consciousness only a moment. He is said to be recovering.

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