

Locals

Mrs. Lottie Handley, spent Sunday in Portland.

Lawrence Dickson is employed at the Vernonia Drug store during the Christmas rush.

A. Corey was in Portland Monday on business.

Call at the Vernonia Bakery for stale bread suitable for dressing.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McGraw and children were in Portland Tuesday on business.

E. W. Holtham spent Sunday and Monday in Portland on business.

One hundred pound size flour sacks for sale at the Vernonia Bakery. adv.

T. A. Gordon and his sister,

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Greenman were in Portland the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwick and E. S. Thompson were in Portland on business Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. R. I. La Rocque of Portland spent the week end in Vernonia visiting with relatives and friends.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Junji Funjiwara, December 5, a girl. The Japanese lass has been named Hanaye.

This is positively your last

chance to order fruit cake and pies for your Christmas dinner. Don't be one of the disappointed ones—order yours now, today. Vernonia Bakery.—adv.

For 5 years Dr. Luzader, eyesight specialist, has been making monthly visits to Vernonia. His next will be Feb. 6 and 7, office at Kullander's. Have your eyes examined.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, Prof. J. E. Wilkerson and Mrs. J. W. Brown went to Portland last Saturday to attend the funeral of Lester E. Brown.

Mrs. M. R. Reynolds of Spokane, Wash., arrived Saturday and is going to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laramore.

Alton Elliott and Wm. Heath recently moved from the Vernonia hotel to the Cherry Tree apartment where they now reside as bachelors.

Chas. T. Early of Portland was in town Monday and Tuesday on business. Mr. Early is planning to construct a new building where the Majestic theatre recently burned down.

Mrs. A. J. Black, who has been confined at her home from a recent operation, is being seen again.

Dudley Spencer and Miss Alma Kullander motored to Portland on Sunday.

State officials of the American Legion are expected to be present at the annual banquet of Vernonia post, which will be held in the Legion hall Tuesday, December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Martin spent the week end at St. Helens with Mr. and Mrs. I. Martin.

Mrs. J. P. McDonald is improving from a severe attack of influenza.

While in Portland Monday, Mrs. W. Culver visited Mrs. J. H. Bush in the Good Samaritan hospital. Mrs. Bush reports that she is improving nicely and hopes to be home by Christmas.

Miss Georgia Fairbanks, who has been attending Willamette university at Salem, arrived Friday to

spend Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Dave Marshall. She also is helping at Reithner's during the Christmas rush.

G. O. Muhle of Marshfield, head auditor, and Chas. E. Wells of Hillsboro, commercial superintendent, of the Oregon Telephone company, were in Vernonia Tuesday looking over the new telephone building.

The good will of our patrons and friends, both old and new, is one of our most valuable assets. The spirit of the season brings to us renewed appreciation of old associations and of the value of new friendships. That your Christmas may be happy and success attend your New Year is our most cordial wish. Vernonia Bakery. adv.

Among the college students that arrived the latter part of last week to spend the Christmas holidays with folks and friends are: Lawrence Dickson, Herman Dickson, Charles Hoffman, Robert Hoffman, Russell Mills, of O. A. C.; Amy Hughes and Glen Hawkins of the University of Oregon.

England opposed the observance of Christmas, and on December 24, 1652, parliament decreed that there should be no observance of the occasion. It was only gradually that observance came back into repute.

Martin Luther has been given credit for introducing the Christmas tree into Germany. Doubtless he did much to popularize it, but the Christmas tree is believed to have had its origin in mythological times. In Germany, St. Nicholas has set apart in his honor, December 6. St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who died about 343 A.D., was noted for anonymous charities. It was once the custom in Germany for a man to personate St. Nicholas on St. Nicholas Eve, and to inquire how the children had behaved during the year, who were deserving of presents, and who merited a touch of the birch rods he carried. In some places, Knight Ruprecht takes the place of St. Nicholas. In Holland, Germany and more recently in other countries, the benevolent saint is familiarly known as Santa Claus, and he is said to have been introduced into England from America, where he had been naturalized by early settlers.

years the Jamestown settlers were to become noted for their hospitality at Christmas time.

The Puritans arrived at Plymouth in December, 1620. According to the Journal of William Bradford, "ye 25 day (Dec.) they began to erect ye first house for comone use to receive them and their goods." Thus, although the Puritan leader avoids the word Christmas, it appears that home-building in the colony began on that day. The Puritans seem to have had a happy Christmas dinner on board the Mayflower, though that was the last for many a year, as any observance of the day was frowned upon. Little by little, Christmas as a holiday was brought into favor, but it was as late as 1856, while Nathaniel P. Banks was Governor, that the day was made a legal holiday in Massachusetts.

The good Dutch Fathers called for the New World with the image of St. Nicholas for a figurhead on their vessel, they named the first church they built for St. Nicholas and he became the patron saint of the new city on Manhattan Island. Thanks to these sturdy old Dutchmen, many delightful customs of Christmas observance were preserved to posterity.

Yule-tide has been singularly connected with important events in the history of the United States. On Christmas night, 1776, Washington crossed the Delaware to capture nearly a thousand Hessians at their Christmas revelries. A few days later, December 30, Congress resolved to send commissioners to the courts of Europe, and the Yule-tide achievements of the colonial army were declared by Fredrick the Great to be "the most brilliant of any recorded in the annals of military action." The year following was a gloomy Yule-tide, for the American forces lay encamped at Valley Forge. Christmas Eve, 1783, Washington laid aside forever his military uniform, Martha Washington held her first public reception in the executive mansion on Christmas eve, and at Yule-tide a few years later, the country was mourning the death of Washington. January 1, 1863, Lincoln issued the Proclamation of Emancipation, and on December 25, 1868, the proclamation of "unconditional pardon and amnesty to all concerned in the late insurrection."

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FOR SALE—40 acres of logged off land 1/4-mile from city limits, \$500, small payment down. See Judge D. B. Reasoner, city hall. 174

FOR SALE—G. A. Kelty 84 acre farm with implements. One mile south of Clatskanie, Oregon. Owner wants to go east to care for aged mother. For terms call at farm or address above. 174*

MISCELLANEOUS

LOANS—The Washington County NFLA of Hillsboro, Oregon has extended their charter to make loans through the Federal land bank of Spokane to farmers in Columbia county. Interest on loans in the federal land bank are at a 5 1/2% rate. Anyone wishing further information write, A. R. England at Hillsboro, Oregon. 17.

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Various Yule-tide Customs

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offered for greater usefulness, the Western Union Telegraph company several years ago began paying special attention to the holiday greeting service, and especially decorated message blanks and envelopes were devised. The service since has been extended to cablegrams, and the telegraph administrations in foreign countries have been studying it with a view to possible adoption.

In feudal times in England, Yule-tide observance was on a magnificent scale, several thousand retainers sometimes being feasted in the baronial hall. In 1248 King Henry III. held a feast for the poor which lasted a week. Richard II. held Christmas at Litchfield and 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed.

The lords received gifts from their tenants at Yule-tide, and sovereigns received presents from their nobles. Queen Elizabeth replenished her wardrobe in this way, and if quantity and quality didn't satisfy, the donors were informed of the fact. In 1561 she received a present of a pair of black silk stockings knit by one of her maids, and never afterward would she wear those made of cotton.

From the first, the Puritans in

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