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All Around Town

COMING EVENTS

December 25—Tuesday Christmas. December 29—Meeting Marion County Taxpayers to discuss county budget. January 11—"The First Lady of the Land," at High School for benefit of Army Y. C. A.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ray Grant will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at the Rigdon parlors. Rev. George L. Lovell, pastor of the United Evangelical church, will have charge. Interment will be in the City View cemetery.

No mail from outside points reached Salem yesterday, or could be sent out. The trains are moving again today, however, and Postmaster Huchestey says that the mail will soon be moving again as normal.

Young man wanted. A permanent position at The Spa. Dance at Highland hall tonight.

Mrs. George Doust, living on the River Road, received word yesterday that her son, Harry B. Doust, stationed at New York, had been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the ordnance department. Mr. Doust formerly lived in Salem, but has been employed in the automobile factories at Detroit for the past three years.

Late arrivals inavenports marked low to make a quick turnover. See them in our west window. Hamilton's.

MILLER tires are good tires. Clark Sales Agt., Y. M. C. A. bldg. 12-22

The surgical department of the Red Cross had nine boxes of material ready for shipment today. The lot contained 8,270 individual pieces of surgical dressing made up into gauze compresses, strips, and rolls, which represents a considerable lot of work. The workers of the department will have a vacation from tomorrow night till Thursday after Christmas.

The Salem Fuel Yards located at 785 Trade, suffered the loss of eight or ten cords of wood yesterday as a result of the high water. Two hundred and fifty cords of wood in the yards were for a time endangered. One of the employees of the yard fell into the river street bridge. One car crossed the bridge this morning but the structure sagged so much under the weight of the wheels that it was not considered safe by Street Commissioner Low and the operators of the car to cross again and the car was left on the other side, making the run throughout the day from the bridge to the end of the line.

Now is the time to buy a davenport and save some money. See the late arrivals in our west window. Special prices till after Christmas. Hamilton's.

Xmas eve, swell dance at armory. W. & B. Be there.

With the subsiding of the flood waters over the city which took place during the night, street car traffic was resumed this morning. Cars were running their regular schedule today with the exception of those crossing the Willamette river bridge. One car crossed the bridge this morning but the structure sagged so much under the weight of the wheels that it was not considered safe by Street Commissioner Low and the operators of the car to cross again and the car was left on the other side, making the run throughout the day from the bridge to the end of the line.

The Elks dance last night was proclaimed by all those who attended that it was the best of the season. The famous Hunt orchestra featured Salem society's popular singer, Mr. Albert Egan, as well as Viola Verler Holman on saxophone.

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O. M. Plummer, representing the food conservation branch of the federal government, gave an interesting address to the students and teachers at the high school assembly yesterday afternoon. Mr. Plummer told of some of the recent experiences he had had over the county holding meetings in the rural districts to awaken the farmers to the need of greater production and greater co-operation between themselves and the agents of the government, especially the county agricultural agent. He also urged upon the students that as a patriotic duty they sacrifice unnecessary extravagances in their everyday living in furtherance of the food conservation policies of the government.

Xmas eve we will be at armory. W. & B. dance 8:30

The trial in recorder's court yesterday afternoon of R. C. Miles, charged with cutting a corner in violation of the traffic ordinance, resulted in the dismissal of the case. Miles held that he cut the corner in an effort to avoid a collision with a youth on a bicycle, William Vogt. The collision nevertheless occurred, the boy being thrown from his wheel and injured, an accident occurred Thursday evening at the intersection of State and High streets. The jurors sitting on the case were R. C. Bishop, Fred Rice, O. L. McPeak, W. H. Clark and A. T. Moffitt. The defendant was represented by his brother, Attorney Donald W. Miles, while City Attorney Macy represented the city's interests in the matter.

A special meeting of the school board has been called for tonight to consider the securing rifles for the high school cadet corps. Superintendent Todd has just received a sample rifle with quotations on the same and action looking toward the purchase of 100 of the rifles for the cadet corps is expected to be taken by the board this evening. Every effort has been made to secure arms from the state but without avail. A law passed by the last legislature provides that high schools offering military instruction shall be provided with the necessary material, but it seems the state is unable to provide the arms. Four hours of military instruction a week are required in the course as provided by the state educational department.

PERSONALS

H. E. Tayer of Dallas was in the city yesterday. L. A. Gerber, of Silvertown, is registered at the Bligh. Anabel Bush, Jr., spent the day in Portland on business. N. A. Beauchamp of Stayton registered yesterday at the Bligh. R. W. Reynolds left today for Iowa, traveling over the Great Northern. Dr. E. C. Smith, Jr., was a Portland passenger this morning on the O. E. Willis McNary is in the city today from Portland, calling on old time friends. Miss Gooch of Mill City is staying at the J. E. Scott home during the teacher's examination period. Tom Cooper was up from Portland for the day visiting his mother, who lives at 1745 South Liberty. S. J. Botts and wife leave this evening for California where they go to spend the holidays with their son who is at the Presidio training for the signal corps. Peter E. Schmidt, of Olympia, president of the Northwest Produce company, is in the city this week in connection with business affairs of the company. Glenn L. Adams left today for Iowa on a combination business and pleasure trip. He will visit with relatives while in Iowa, and plans being away about four weeks. Mrs. Julia Hopt, of 1106 South Liberty, received word that her mother Mrs. W. H. McBea, died yesterday at Newport. The funeral will be held Saturday at Corvallis.

BORN

CHANDLER—December 19, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Guy Chandler, a daughter.

BORN LIPPOLD—December 19, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lippold, 1386 Ferry street, a son.

DIED

LAUDEN.—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. Henry Franke, 1957 State street, Wednesday night, December 19, 1917, Miss Sophie Lauden, 63 years old.

The deceased had lived with her sister for about forty years. The Franke family came to Oregon from Iowa about seven years ago. Miss Lauden was born in Germany.

The body is at the residence and the funeral, under the auspices of the Rigdon company, will be announced later.

WBL:8.—At her late residence, 308

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The Capital Junk Co. Pays the Highest Price for all kinds of junk Phone 298 271 CHEMUKETA ST.

HENEY ASSAILS MEAT PACKERS AS COMBINE TO CONTROL MARKETS

Prosecutor Lays Damaging Evidence Before Federal Trade Commission

Washington, Dec. 20.—How the Chicago Junction Railway and Stockyards company was wrecked and higher prices saddled on the public when packers obtained control of the yards, was developed at the opening of the federal trade commission's meat probe today.

Through J. R. Hart, Boston financier, Special Probe Council Francis J. Heney, uncovered frenzied finance; how Frank R. Pegrum, an alleged "dummy" of no wealth, purchased \$1,000,000 worth of stock was developed.

By threatening to remove his packing plants from Chicago, J. Ogden Armour, it was charged, forced a re-organization of stockyard ownership by which he obtained a bonus.

Rumors of rebates and other practices which commissioners hint will astound the public were heard.

The Chicago Junction Railway and Stockyards company, in 1911, was paying 8 per cent dividends regularly and had amassed \$3,000,000 surplus when the packers' threat was made. Hart, vice chairman of the Old Colony Trust company, who engineered the finances, declared that stockholders were persuaded to surrender their securities and accept paper in a new concern promising 9 per cent. Under this agreement any surplus earned by the stockyards was to go to Armour as a bonus for keeping his plant in Chicago.

The packers had claimed to be able to do business cheaper outside of Chicago, but when this change in stockyard ownership was effected they agreed to remain and higher prices followed.

Heney submitted minutes of the meeting of the directors of the Chicago Stockyards company, the new company, dated June 30, 1911, showing that Frank R. Pegrum turned over to the new company on that date, 65,000 shares of common stock in the new company. The \$1,000,000 was loaned to Armour and P. H. Prince of the firm of P. H. Prince & Company, Boston, bankers, two days later, the testimony showed.

Pegrum, who testified he was treasurer of the old stockyards company and cashier of Prince and company, admitted that he knew no details of the transaction, but merely signed his name at the direction of Bradley Palmer, attorney for Prince, who is president of the new stockyards company.

Pegrum said he drew \$500 a year as treasurer of the old stockyards company and \$3,000 a year as cashier with Prince and company.

Pegrum admitted he would have signed anything Palmer put in front of him. In reply to a letter sent him by the trade commission as to who were the real owners of the common stock of the old company, Pegrum claimed to hold all of it as trustee. He admitted that Palmer had dictated this reply.

"Didn't you know your answer that Palmer wrote and you signed was an attempt at evasion?" asked Heney. "I didn't give it much thought," said Pegrum.

South Nineteenth street, in Salem, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1917, Miss Minerva Wells, 83 years old.

The deceased lived at the T. H. Ide home. Surviving her are two nieces, Mrs. Alice L. Poe, of Newberg, Or., and Mrs. William Irwin of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and a nephew, George M. Hunter, of Portland.

The body will be sent to Mt. Carroll Ill., for burial by the Rigdon company.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS IN THE SALVATION ARMY

Christmas always spells work for the Salvationist and this year is no exception. Appeals for help are coming in all the time, no one in need must be refused.

Money is needed and the kettles are on the streets to catch it, don't pass them by. The newboys are getting interested; after a long and serious consultation three of them came with their contributions and dropped them in the kettle.

The children are to be entertained on Christmas eve; a large Christmas tree and Santa Claus the special features of the evening. Every child will receive a gift from the Tree. The gifts this year will be mostly wearable and useful articles. The entertainment will be held in the Ryan Hall on South Commercial street.

All donations of goods should be delivered at the Ryan hall or to Captain Miller at 356 North Liberty Street.

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The women's auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. Ada Strong at 485 South Commercial street Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Peeten Plumbing Co. 355 Chemeketa Phone 1906. We do repair work. Stoves and furnaces called.

Dr. Fred Ellis formerly with Dr. Griffith, has moved his dental office to 302 U. S. Nat. bank bldg. Phone 5106.

Dr. Garujohat was operated on Monday at Willamette Sanitarium and is doing nicely. He will be back in his office in about three weeks to resume his practice.

A complete line of the latest in watches, jewelry and diamonds, at Gardner & Keene's, the store with the street clock.

Mrs. Jun's china Capital Drug Store State St., and Porter's, Court St. 12-21

The Modern Woodmen are planning for a big time at their meeting tonight. A class of 75 candidates will be initiated, the candidates being of this city and from various points over the valley.

Ebony, ivory and silver toilet sets at Gardner & Keene's. The store with the street clock.

Send a few 10 pound boxes of selected prunes to your friends for Christmas, advertise Oregon products, \$1.25 per box while they last, Salem Fruit Union, cor. Trade and High Sts. 10-23

The Christmas cantata, "Santa Claus' Election" will be given by the school department of the state institution for feeble minded tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Silverware, cut glass and clocks at Gardner & Keene's, Salem's most reliable jeweler. The store with the street clock.

Special meeting of Pacific lodge No. 50, A. F. & A. M., this evening. Work in the P. C. degree. Visiting brethren welcome.

Recruiting is slow these days. The local army and navy recruiting stations are still "open for business." The former can accept recruits from 18 to 21, and from 31 to 41, but no registered man. The navy can accept recruits with three age limits and in addition may take registered men whose number makes them not subject to early call.

The burial place beautiful. Here all is peace, no tipsy headstones, no mounds of mud, no sunken graves, no snakes or worms or vermin, no waddy evidence of neglect. The body is placed in a snow white, always dry, sanitary tomb, there to remain forever, all is quiet, reverent and beautiful. This is civilization's final tribute to its dead. This is Mount Crest Abbey Mausoleum. Tombs \$225 up. Phone manager 1060-W.

Classy W. & B. dance Sat. night armory.

The three Industrial Accident Commissioners of Idaho, E. F. Caton, H. H. Barnes and Geo. H. Fisher, accompanied by Assistant Attorney General H. C. Hindmann were in Salem today consulting with the Industrial Accident Commission regarding methods and the administering of department generally. They came to the city from Olympia where they examined into the workings of the Washington laws pertaining to accident insurance. They left for Portland and home this afternoon.

Who that is interested in clean homes, isn't interested in a Hoover sweeper? Wm. Gahlsdorf, 135 N. Liberty St.

Sat. night W. & B. dance armory.

"Forefathers' Day" will be observed by Chemeketa Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the home of Mrs. Geo. M. Post, 1370 State street, Saturday afternoon, December 22nd, at 2:30 o'clock. The program committee would like to have each member, so far as possible, bring a small ancestral relic and give an historical incident relating to it, or favor the Chapter with the story of some family heirloom.

The times demand that the gifts be practical and serviceable. Come in and get ideas from a large stock. Wm. Gahlsdorf, the store of housewares.

Terrible epidemic, dance fever. Try W. & B. dance armory Sat. night.

Tomorrow afternoon and evening is "home-coming day" at the high school. An interesting program has been prepared for the alumni which will open with exercises at the school tomorrow afternoon at 1:45 o'clock. A basketball game between the alumni and the regular high school team will be played in the evening, and other various entertainment features offered. A large number of alumni are expected.

Divorce Court Asked to Free Mrs. Smiley From the Greek Version

Two marriage licenses against one divorce suit commenced today gives Cupid a little advantage of Thersites, who is the fellow who causes most of the divorces. Mrs. Clara Smiley brought suit to sever the ties that bind her to Frank Smiley. She alleges in her complaint that she married Smiley at Stevenson, Washington, in 1912. Love's young dream slowly became a reality with all the roseate features and fold-erols left out, she learned, as so many women have, that a front view of marriage presents a vista of roses, window boxes guarded with blooms and all that sort of stuff. A rear view of this same marriage shows Cupid is heavy on camouflage. The view presented from the kitchen side of the marital premises shows spuds, cabbage and onions and all that sort of the real things of life. However she stood for the disillusionment all right until in 1915 her husband forgot the war home and has not been back since. Neither has he provided roses or garden stuff or anything in all that time. That is why she wants the relationship between them severed, and who can blame her? When the papers were served on the defendant he told the sheriff he was undoubtedly the right man but that his real name is Popontonus, which he says translated into such English as Oregon uses means "the man who smiles." Despite her other misfortunes the would-be divorcee is to be congratulated on the fact that she never had to answer to her husband's true name. Smiley is rustic enough in English, but the Greek variety of the name is sufficient to secure a divorce without further evidence.

Charles Maxwell, porter at the O. E. depot spent yesterday afternoon in Portland.

Modern Woodmen attention. Big class initiation tonight.

Attorney Frank A. Turner, supreme court reporter, has just completed volume 85 of the supreme court reports and placed it in the hands of the state printer. The volume is expected to be off the press by the first of the year.

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The Willamette Chapter of the Red Cross has received a communication from headquarters to the effect that Christmas funds donated by school children for relief of children of the war-stricken countries of Europe might be received and forwarded. The chapter have had several inquiries from teachers asking if the children could express their Christmas good will for the unfortunate children of Europe in this manner.

Attorney Ray L. Smith has received a letter from his brother, Paul L., who has been with the Union Oil company at San Francisco the past year, saying that he would leave shortly for San Antonio, Texas, where he will go in training for aviation. Mr. Smith graduated from the Willamette law college and practiced with his brother at this place up to the time of his departure for California to accept the position he has since held with the oil company.

J. D. King, representing the Albers Milling company and W. C. Kullish, salesman for the Heinz products, came down from Albany today over the Oregon Electric. They attempted to drive through with a machine yesterday, but it was a case where the "trusty" Ford couldn't make it. Leaving Lebanon yesterday morning they started for Seio and Stayton and after trying every known road to these points and finding them all blocked with water, they gave it up and drove to Albany. From here they decided to drive to Salem. The road was found passable till they reached a low stretch just beyond the Santiam bridge at Jefferson. Here the flood water from the Santiam was so high that all traffic was stopped and they were compelled to return to Albany, where they left the Ford and came over the O. E. They reported whole sections of flat country covered with water yesterday.

Hope for Entombed Miners Now Given Up

Wilkeson, Wash., Dec. 20.—Hope of finding the five men entombed in the Wilkeson mine early yesterday, alive, was destroyed today by the discovery of the feet of one of the miners sticking out from under tons of rocks and dirt in the entry in which he and his companions were working at the time of the accident. The rescue party was working today to exhume the rest of the body. Four more men are under the debris. Those missing are: William Seroup, married, two children; John Tomco, married, seven children; Joseph Rusnak, married, six children; Mike Zank, married, four children and Peter Marchetti, married, two children.

George Thurston and Jacob Fliess got out through an air shaft late yesterday by wading in water up to their chins.

Red Cross Campaign Receives New Impetus

Portland, Or., Dec. 20.—Total Red Cross members in Portland 15,741 or sixteen per cent. Outside of this city, 35,931, total in state 51,672, twenty one per cent. Union leads three thousand, sixty per cent. Sherman county, 575, fifty two per cent; Unatilla four thousand, fifty three per cent; Wasco twenty five hundred, fifty per cent; Deschutes 1034, Klamath 251, Marion 1000. Portland is now growing as fast as the rest of the state and a terrific effort is being made to catch up. City leaders feel the disgrace keenly.

Out in the suburbs there's a variety of shrub that sprouts yuletide each year just before the Yuletide holidays. Which just goes to show that one pussy-willow doesn't make a spring.

Ladies' New Hose Fibre Silks. In All the Latest Colors 75c and 79c pair Other grades at 12c, 15c and 39c Pair. Our Prices Always the Lowest. Gale & Co. Commercial and Court Sts., formerly Chicago Store Phone 1072

L. W. W. Held Responsible For Sugar Shortage

Washington, Dec. 20.—The L. W. W. was added to railroad congestion, the food administration and "sugar trust" as cause of the sugar famine, in Earl D. Babst's testimony before the senate investigation today.

Babst, head of the trust, said the L. W. W. caused hoarding of sugar last March and the subsequent shortage by inaugurating strikes at refineries. "They then circulated false stories that the United States would be without sugar in a short time," said Babst.

He admitted, on cross examination, replacing the strikers with negroes. Chairman Reed continued the sugar probe instead of taking up coal today. He also postponed Herbert Hoover's appearance by deciding to hear first a half dozen big sugar men who have been cooling their heels for days waiting to testify.

During his testimony, Babst was asked by Senator Kenyon, whether sugar had increased disproportionately with other commodities since the war began. Babst answered:

"According to its color value, sugar is now one of the very cheapest commodities in the world. It is the sharp buying between various nations before the American sugar embargo was clamped down forced prices up, according to Babst.

The United States must continue sending sugar to the enemies of Germany. Many of America's small supply because shipping cannot be economically diverted to bring in Java sugar, he stated.

Railroad Stocks Made New Low Record Today

New York, Dec. 20.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today said:

In a market characterized by thin buying power and affected by the action late yesterday of the Baltimore and Ohio directors in deferring action on the dividend until January 16, many rail stocks today made new low records and United States Steel sold at 70 1/2, the lowest since 1915. Stocks at the start were irregular, but fractionally higher. During the first few minutes selling, impetus was lessened by newspaper reports of Secretary McAdoo's ruling that unsold securities may be inventoried for income and excess profits taxes, either at cost or at the prevailing market prices.

While the price decline was heavier in the rails, it was noted that copers, equipments and motors held better than other issues. At midday support was evidently thrown into the market and prices for the most part covered their losses, with fractional gains in some cases.

The report from Petrograd that the Central Powers had notified Russia they intended to make peace proposals to the allies had much to do with the upturn in prices.

With the advance from the low prices trading quieted and appeared to be largely professional. In the late trading stocks generally continued to show strength and in many cases registered substantial gains over Wednesday's close. Lloyd-George's statement on submarine sinkings caused further gains.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS TODAY TOMORROW In his very best. The picture that made him famous. BLIGN THEATRE

XMAS EVE W. B. Dance At Armory Hunt's Band 5 Pieces Great Time Special Music