

OUR CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS.

The United States is indebted to three nations for its Christmas customs and observances, for England, Germany and Holland have all contributed to our holiday lore.

The Yule log and Christmas carols were transplanted from English soil of course, but it is from the Dutch observance of St. Nicholas day, December 6, that we get our habit of hanging stockings by the fireplace for Santa Claus to fill. St. Nicholas day is a distinctly Dutch holiday, and in Colonial times in New York Dutch wooden shoes were left by the fireplaces for the gifts, which were always anonymous. Later, English stockings took the place of the wooden shoes.

The custom of the Christmas tree was given to the world by the Germans and became almost universal in the Christian world about the year 1850.

In reality our Christmas observance is a survival of the old midwinter festivals which meant so much to the old Romans. They it was who first used green decorations at that time. Mistletoe and holly were used at the midwinter festivals in pagan England during the Roman occupancy and such use has survived down to this day.

Later, when Christmas took on a spiritual and religious significance, evergreens came into general use as symbols of the everlasting life of the soul.—Statesman.

DEFIES FEMALE BALLOT WELDERS

Clarence Van Dusen, Democratic state auditor-elect, has given it out bold that "no women need apply" when he assumes charge of the state office to which he has been elected, either as stenographers or office assistants, and goes further and says that he will have a bill introduced in the legislature which will have for its object the prevention of employing women in any of the state or county offices in Idaho, claiming that they are careless, incompetent and that the counties of the state have lost over a million dollars on account of the lax bookkeeping methods where women are employed.

TIRED.

I am tired of civilization
With all its frills and its fuss,
I want to go back to the range land
Where I can be free to cuss.
I want to be back with the gay old bunch
Away from all my cares;
Away from dancers and dancing,
Away from preachers and prayers.

I am tired of women and babies,
I am tired of their tears and their rage,
I want to be back at the line camp,
Back with the jolly stags.
Sleepin' sound on a lonely bunk
After a hard day's ride,
Or goin' to town and forgettin'
Forgettin' to sleep or ride.

I am full of an awful longing
For things as they used to be,
Back in the good old camp fire days
Back where my soul was free.
I've got to get back, I'm homesick
For mountains and ranges and cowboys;
I've got to get back to the cow herd,
I am tired of the human race.
AGNES JUST REID.

SELECTED FOR CHIEF JUSTICE.

Justice Alfred Budge will become chief justice of the supreme court of this state on Jan. 1, 1917. At a conference of the justices held several days ago at which Justice-elect John C. Rice was present, a unanimous decision was reached as to Justice Budge succeeding Chief Justice Isaac N. Sullivan, now rounding out his last term on the bench. The duty of administering the oath to state officials-elect on Jan. 1, 1917, when they are inaugurated in the house of representatives at the state capitol annex, will fall upon Chief Justice Budge.

Since his appointment to the bench by John M. Haines, former governor of this state, Justice Budge has served continuously as justice. At that time he succeeded Justice George H. Stewart, deceased. For a number of years he served as judge of the Fifth judicial district. In 1894 he was elected district attorney of that district, then comprising Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, Lemhi and Oneida counties. In 1898 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Bear Lake county, serving two terms, after which he was elected district judge, holding that position until his resignation two years ago to accept the appointment of justice of the supreme court.

The new chief justice was born Feb. 25, 1868, at Providence, Cache county, Utah, the son of William and Eliza Budge. His father was a native of Scotland. Later the family moved to Paris, Idaho, so that Chief Justice Budge has been a resident of Idaho practically all of his life. He graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan in 1892, and in July of the same year started to practice law in Paris.

IF WE MOVE LET'S GO FORWARD.

The county commissioners of the state, now meeting in Boise, will probably consider during their sessions the question of Idaho's direct primary system and whether we are getting anything of value in return for the huge sums which this plan is costing the people.

The opinion is almost unanimous that the present system is a failure but it must be remembered that the old convention plan was also a failure.

In order to get good government we must have party responsibility and party discipline one more, and we must find some way of again securing the services of the strong, reliable men of all parties from the various political divisions of the state.

If we return to the convention plan we must not leave the way open to have the delegates chosen to represent individual or corporate interest, or leave the way open for such interests to pay the expenses of delegations.

It is possible to retain the best features of both the direct primary and the convention plans—to take a step forward and not a step backward.—Statesman.

NOTICE

Mr. Smith, of the Thorstenberg bakery, has changed the name of the bakery to Smith's Baking company, which will do business hereafter under that name. We will be giving away some very nice presents in the near future with our Blue Ribbon wrappers. Save these wrappers and get a beautiful present. Insist on Blue Ribbon bread when you order from your grocer. He sells it. Ad.

MCDONALDVILLE

Charles McDonald of Walla Walla, Wash., was out to McDonaldville the past week. Mr. McDonald is a brother of Henry McDonald, and used to live here about 14 years ago. He says the Blackfoot has developed a great deal since he left here.

Mr. Harper is loading his machinery and household goods on the car at Blackfoot this week to ship to Lost River.

The water has been turned out of the canal and the people are digging wells. Mr. Palmer of Blackfoot has been digging George Bailey a well and also one for John Sorensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Grey have left for their future home in Omaha, Neb. Agnes and Mary Peterson are down with the measles.

Rev. Bunch of Boise spent Sunday with R. W. Croskey.

The roads to the lavas are busy with wood haulers. They are bringing out some fine loads of cedar wood.

Mrs. Morris Jensen and her daughter Elfrida will leave for Utah this week, where they will visit friends and relatives.

The Kinney children have all been down with the lagrippe this week.

James Jensen has moved his family into the Wallace Walburn house.

The coyotes seem to be getting plentiful again.

TWO MENTIONED FOR LEADER.

To Peter G. Johnson of Blackfoot or Fred C. McGowan of Moscow, will fall the complimentary vote of the Republican minority of the next legislature for speaker of the house of representatives. McGowan was a member of the last legislature. Johnston is the recognized dean of the legislature, having served a number of terms. He is one of the few Republican party leaders escaping defeat at the recent election. Republican leaders declare that Representative Johnston will be the minority leader of the house, due to his long service and familiarity with the parliamentary end of the legislative game.—Capital News.

THOMAS

Funeral service for Grandma Crawford was held at the Thomas hall on Thursday, December 15. Very impressive remarks were made by Bishop John R. Williams, President James Duckworth and Heber C. C. Rich. The speakers dwelt touchingly upon the long years of public service rendered by the deceased; how she had answered every one of the numerous calls made upon her skill and hurried to the bedside of her sick neighbors and their little ones for miles around, regardless of the hour, day or night, or the condition of the weather, when such calls were made. The poor who were unable to pay receiving the same attention and kindly treatment as the more prosperous ones. Her's was a grand character, and possessing the animosity of none. Her friends were legion.

Eight grown grandsons acted as pall bearers, consoling with tender care the remains of their noble progenitor to its last resting place in the Thomas Riverside cemetery.

Harry Hoare, formerly a resident of this place, but now of Redwood, Utah, is spending a few weeks' vacation with the Alfred family here. He expects to make a hunting and trapping trip across the desert while here.

Alta Grover has been sick for some days past and is still unable to attend school.

George Davis and wife of Basalt, were here to attend the funeral of Grannie Crawford.

Lee Turpin made a trip to the Desert and while hitching up to come home, the horses got away, leaving Lee 30 miles on the desert and on foot, where he was compelled to stay until the horses got back home and were taken back by Andrew Crystal, a neighbor.

Mark Jackson, who has been ill with the lagrippe, is around again.

Notice to the Public.

I wish to inform the public that after Monday, December 18, I will be ready to do transfer and job hauling. Office phone 96; residence phone 394J. GEO. JOLLY, Sr.

May the Christmas season bring to you and yours a full measure of joy.

Rowles-Mack Co.
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CENTERVILLE

Last Saturday night the Tressel family gave a party and there were over 40 people present. The fore part of the evening was enjoyed in dancing and the music was furnished by the Tressel brothers. Dainty refreshments were served at 1 o'clock. The latter part of the evening was enlivened by Adolph Tressel's slight-of-hand performances.

Mrs. Martha Kenols of Mount Pleasant, Utah, is here visiting Brigham Farnsworth's family for the holidays. School is closed this week on account of the measles and scarlet fever.

Mrs. R. A. Edwards' mother has returned from Ogden, Utah, where she has been visiting relatives for the past three months.

H. H. Severin and family are expecting to leave this week for Nebraska, where they will spend two months visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Martha Gardnes arrived here Saturday night from Utah to spend the month's end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stanger.

Mrs. E. C. Haynes is still sick in bed. There was a new baby boy arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Clack, and all concerned are doing well.

L. E. Kilton has got his new barn completed.

RICH

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Graham were visitors at Blackfoot last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadw Quisenbury, Ilam Clough and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baker and wife, Ike Brown, Miss Peggy Jackson, John Burriston and wife, Mr. Troutner and wife, John Josephsen and son, and Leonard Keller were doing business in Blackfoot during the week.

Mrat Bristol and wife were shaking hands with friends last Thursday.

Short Line Improvements.

From the recently issued report of the Oregon Short Line railroad, that company has spent in Idaho and Utah during the past year \$3,181,000 in permanent improvements in the way of new buildings, new tracks and terminal facilities.

The taxes paid by this road to the state of Idaho for the year will be nearly a million and a quarter dollars.

Notice.

All patrons of the Blackfoot public library who have books and their family is put in quarantine for any infectious disease, will kindly fumigate the books thoroughly before returning them to the library, thus saving a spread of the contagion.

Assessment Notice.

Blackfoot, Idaho, December 21, 1916.

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the directors of the Riverside ditch company held December 8, 1916, assessment number 70 of \$1.00 per share was levied on the capital stock of the company which is now due and payable to the undersigned, and unless paid by January 12, 1917, will be delinquent and will be advertised for sale.
1-11-4t J. G. BOND, Secretary.

RARE BARGAIN IN HIGH-GRADE PIANO

We will accept any reasonable offer for a new, strictly high-grade piano which we have stored at Blackfoot. Liberal terms. Particulars will be furnished by writing The Denver Music Co., at Denver, Colorado.

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Our new Sunday and week-end excursions solve them. Many autoists, too, are finding out that our rates are cheaper than using their own cars. Ask about them. Agent O. S. L. E. B.

More Men Than Women Have Appendicitis

Surgeons state men are slightly more subject to appendicitis than women. Blackfoot people should know that a few doses of simple buckhorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika, often relieve or prevent appendicitis. The mixture removes such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour stomach or gas. The INSTANT, easy action of Adler-ika is surprising. Edw. Thoreson, druggist.—Adv.

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4. Light Cavalry—Ages 5 to 10 years. Height 14 hands 3 inch to 15 hands 1 inch, broke. Price \$85.00.

This will be the last inspection in the West this winter, as all other inspections have stopped. Bring in your good horses and deal direct with the foreign buyer, cutting out the middleman. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE

W. T. Brown, Cottage Hotel.

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of the

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