

**MIST MISTINGS**

Mrs. A. F. Barnett visited friends in Portland Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Lidyard was a Portland visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. E. Lundgren was a Portland shopper Wednesday.

Be sure to attend Ketel's big dance at the city hall tomorrow night.

Mrs. Von A. Gray and Von Jr. are in Portland visiting relatives.

We have nice chicken tamales. We serve them or sell at retail. Mason's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McCormick spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Shinn visited relatives in Portland Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Conlin spent the week end with relatives and friends in Portland.

Hon. Dean Blanchard, of Rainier, was in St. Helens Monday greeting old friends.

Jack Woodman and wife went to Portland Saturday to witness a play starring Anna Held.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarty left Monday for St. Johns, where Mr. McCarty is head calker.

Mrs. E. I. Ballagh and daughters went to Portland Wednesday to visit friends for several days.

The public schools will close Friday afternoon and will not reopen until Wednesday, January 2.

Donald McDonald left Wednesday morning for Libby, Mont., and will spend the holidays with friends there.

Miss Eugenia Deming is expected home tomorrow from Eugene, where she is a student at the state university.

Mrs. E. E. Woods invites every little girl between the ages of 5 and 7 years to come to Woods' candy store at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, the 24th, and receive some Christmas candy.

Mrs. Mary Muchow, of Portland, mother of Mrs. Von A. Gray, spent Sunday with her daughter.

F. T. Lidyard, of Eugene, arrived in the city today and will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lidyard.

Nice grain fed hens and soft roasters for Christmas. Order early of A. M. Williams, two blocks north of Central Grocery.

Harry Wilson, U. S. Navy, is expected here Sunday to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Why not a new cover or handle for that umbrella of yours? We do all kinds of umbrella repairing. Modern Shoe Shop, St. Helens.

James Kennedy, of Goble, was in St. Helens Saturday and stayed over to attend the meeting of the Masonic lodge, of which he is a member.

Miss Marcella Richards, of Forest Grove, has accepted the position of stenographer and clerk in the office of the county school superintendent.

E. R. Hyskell, of Warren, one of Columbia county's soldier boys at Camp Lewis, Wash., was down from the army post to spend Sunday with his parents.

We are here to serve, not to be served. Our aim is to do what you want done and do it quick. Make us prove it. Modern Shoe Shop, St. Helens.

I. G. Wickstrom, of Scappoose, was a business visitor in St. Helens Tuesday. He is planning to buy some timber and start in the lumber business again.

John Southard is expected to arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with his parents. He has been attending the University of Washington at Seattle.

The steamer Wapama arrived in early Tuesday morning, and after taking on a million foot cargo of lumber sailed for San Pedro late last night. Purser Jack Pennington had a house full of passengers to look after.

Join the Red Cross today. While humanity bleeds—do merciful deeds.

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams returned Tuesday from Peru, Ind., where she visited Mrs. J. R. Ellars and relatives. She was away from St. Helens about three months.

A slight mishap to the steam feed at the mill caused the big plant to remain idle Wednesday. During the past few years there have been very few idle days caused by breakdowns.

The semi-annual teachers' examinations are being held at the courthouse and are conducted by County School Superintendent J. W. Allen. Eighteen teachers are in attendance.

F. W. Sebran and family motored to Portland Tuesday. Mr. Sebran was transacting business for the International Shipbuilding Co., of Columbia City, where he is master mechanic.

Misses Louise and Ruth Danforth entertained 18 of their young lady friends at a birthday party Saturday afternoon at the Danforth residence. Interesting games were played and refreshments served.

Harold P. Ross will leave Monday for Seattle and spend Christmas with relatives in that city. His mother, Mrs. Fannie Ross is now in the Sound city and will not return to St. Helens until New Year.

An item in a Portland paper states that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cliff December 16. Kenneth is well known in St. Helens, where he formerly lived, and he is a son of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Cliff.

Get wise, have your shoes repaired while you wait. Best half soles sewed on in 15 minutes. You are next. eGT busy. Modern Shoe Shop, St. Helens.

Knutte Bjorkman was in Portland Saturday and enlisted in the spruce regiment which is now being formed. Knutte thinks he will be assigned to inspection duty at the new spruce mill which the government will build at Vancouver. He left Monday for duty.

The steamer Klamath was reported near the Columbia river bar last night, en route from San Francisco for St. Helens. The vessel is scheduled to arrive some time today, and will probably sail for California Monday night.

Merle Wilson and Mrs. Wilson came down from Vancouver Saturday and spent Sunday with Mrs. Wilson's parents. Merle joined his company Sunday night and Monday left for some eastern point. For the present Mrs. Wilson will remain in West St. Helens.

Miss Pauline Paulson, who teaches in the public schools of South Bend, Wash., and her sister, Miss Leonora Paulson, who also teaches school in Washington, are expected to arrive in St. Helens tomorrow to spend the holiday season with their mother, Mrs. L. Paulson.

At the recent Shorthorn sale held in Portland, two excellent registered Shorthorn calves were purchased by A. H. Tarbell, of Warren, and a yearling heifer at \$1050 by G. W. Tarbell, of Yankton. Three registered boars have been purchased by the farmers of the county.

Laden with a cargo of 2,000,000 feet of lumber and piling, the motor vessel S. I. Allard left out Sunday morning for San Francisco. After discharging her cargo she will be turned over to the United States government and will be operated on the San Francisco-Honolulu run.

Elton Kelly, an employe of the shipyard, was injured late Thursday afternoon. In some manner he fell from the scaffold on which he was working to the ground, a distance of about four feet. No one knows how the accident occurred, but evidently the man was severely injured and was taken to a Portland hospital for further treatment and examination.

A coroner's jury was empanelled by Coroner White to inquire into the accidental death of William MacKlinter and son, who were killed at Goble by a S. P. & S. freight train Wednesday, the 19th. The jury visited the scene of the accident and convened in St. Helens Monday afternoon to hear the evidence. They brought in a verdict of negligence and carelessness for both the parties. The jury consisted of W. W. Blakesley, Fred Morgus, W. J. Fullerton, Virgil Stevens, John McKie and Percy Harrison. A number of witnesses, including the train crew, testified as to the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sebran entertained 26 children in honor of their daughter Ruth's eighth birthday anniversary Saturday, December 15. The front room and dining room was artistically decorated with ferns and holly. Miss Hall, teacher of the second grade, assisted in entertaining the children in various games. Refreshments were served. Those present were Dorothea Snelling, Leltha Stevens, Jack Baker, Marguerite and Marie McGorty, Louise Black, Virginia and Hall Reid, Helen Hoffman, Mildred Adams, Rose Cram, Helen Hisey, Beatrice and Edith Lake, Edith and Hilbert Nelson, Lora and Marguerite Thomas, Clifford Sommarstrom, Carl Fanno, Raymond and Hazel Woodman, Mable Darie, Anabel Iabster, Geraldina and Ruth Sebran.

**RED CROSS PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR**

The governor of Oregon is the first governor in the United States to issue a Red Cross proclamation. Others are expected to follow in rapid succession. Following is the proclamation:

"Executive Department, Salem, Dec. 15, 1917.

"At this holiday season of the year when, following time-honored custom, the spirit of giving prevails in every home of the land, it is entirely fitting and proper that each true American should feel disposed to give such support as he can afford to that great humanitarian arm of the federal government known as the American Red Cross.

"This is our first Christmas in the world war. It is our first opportunity to mingle with the usual holiday atmosphere a responsiveness to the most merciful and eloquent appeal for definite service that has ever been made to human hearts. The larger part of the so-called civilized world is in distress. There are painful wounds to heal, torn bodies and souls that need ministry. There is no better, surer, quicker avenue of relief than through the undenominational agency of the American Red Cross whose noble offices have undertaken to mobilize the heart and soul and wealth of America toward building up the wounds of a bleeding world."

"No matter how much we may give for the tender care of our soldiers and sailors, who are obliged to play our parts at home must feel that any hardships and sacrifices endured by us are negligible in the light of the supreme labors performed by the stalwart sons of the land. The more we give the sooner this terrible war will end and the sooner an enduring peace will blazon its course across the now dull horizon.

"Now, therefore, I, James Withycombe, governor of the state of Oregon, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do most earnestly commend the Christmas membership drive of the Red Cross to the cheerful support of the people of Oregon and urge upon each Oregon household the imperative necessity of making this truly a Red Cross Christmas by giving a Christmas present to humanity. Let every Oregon home be represented in the great union of the Red Cross.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused

the great seal of the state of Oregon to be affixed this 14th day of December, 1917.

"JAMES WITHYCOMBE,  
(Signed) "Governor."

**HARVEY M. FOWLER**

Harvey M. Fowler was born in St. Helens April 25, 1856, and died at his home in Goble, Oregon, December 1, 1917. Deceased leaves to mourn his loss a wife and two sons, Edgar of Seattle, Wash., and Casius of Goble. He is survived by five brothers, Marion and James of Rainier, Edward of Oregon City, Samuel of Seattle and George of Goble. Deceased was a member of St. Helens lodge, A. F. & A. M., and his funeral was conducted by members of that lodge. His remains were laid to rest in the Neer City cemetery December 3. A large concourse of friends gathered to pay their respects to the deceased, who was well known and respected throughout the community.

Mrs. Ernst John, of Linnton, visited her mother, Mrs. Wm. Drew this week.

Strayed—3 Holstein spring heifers; adorned, unmarked. M. H. McWhinney, Perry House No. 1, Houlton, Ore. 1-1f

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**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION.**

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of John W. Boyd, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given: That Guy A. Boyd, administrator of the estate of John W. Boyd, deceased, has rendered and presented for final settlement, and filed in said court, his final account of his administration of said estate, together with his report and petition for final distribution, and that Saturday, the 19th day of January, 1918, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the court-room of said county, at the court house in said county, has been fixed and appointed as the time and place for settlement of said account and the hearing of said report and petition, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to the said account, and contest the same.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1917.

Date of first publication December 21, 1917.

GUY A. BOYD,  
Administrator of the Estate of John W. Boyd, Deceased.

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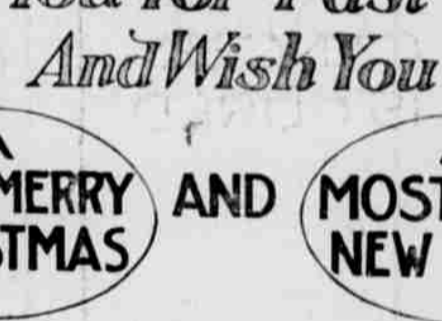
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- Pecans ..... 30c
- Sultana Raisins ..... 15c
- Bleached Sultanas ..... 17 1/2c
- Cranberries ..... 17 1/2c
- Cluster Raisins ..... 20c lb.
- After Dinner Clusters ..... 25c
- Calarab Figs ..... 30c lb.
- Dromedary Dates ..... 20c pkg.
- Fard Dates ..... 35c lb.
- Fancy Black Figs ..... 20c lb.
- Popcorn ..... 12 1/2c
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- Cauliflower ..... 15c

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