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### Christmas Doings.

The entertainment at the Baptist church, Christmas Eve, was a decided success in every way. A large attendance was present and the exercises were good. It had been arranged by the committee that there should not be a general bringing of presents for distribution, but that there should be a treat for all the children who might be present. One noticeable feature in the entertainment was the large number of strange faces seen in the audience. We are glad to welcome all these new comers to our midst and our church. After giving the children their treat and listening to the recitations and singing, Mrs. Wold was presented with a nice rocking-chair, and Bro Wold was presented with a nice gold watch and chain, a gift from the church and congregation. Bro. Wold and wife responded with a few remarks showing their pleasure and gratitude at this mark of good will felt for them by the people of this community.

The Christmas exercises given by the children of the Methodist Sunday school at the opera house Saturday night was a decided success. A very elaborate program, "Miss Christmas Day," was well rendered by the children. Some special features were singing by the fairies, the shepherd's daughter and a full chorus of about a hundred voices. The drill given by the boys was an excellent one and met with great applause. After the program had been completed, Santa Claus, who, according to his statement, had a breakdown on the road arrived with a good supply of candy for the children, which was much enjoyed. The ladies, Mrs. George Leininger and Mrs. French, are to be commended for the way they had trained the children, while Superintendent Tracy worked almost night and day to make it a success.

After considering the matter of whether or not to accept the tender by the railroad companies, of a part of the amount of their taxes, County Treasurer Sweetland decided to accept the money and to issue receipts in part, as many school districts in the county could not have school unless this money was collected. The Union Pacific company's 1904 tax amounted to \$7,728.43 and of this amount they have paid \$4,993.76. The B. & M. Co.'s 1904 tax amounted to \$12,683.95 and on Tuesday they paid \$9,399.12, each company taking a receipt for partial payment of taxes. The companies have asked the Federal court to say whether or not their tax is exorbitant or not, and Mr. Sweetland has been summoned to appear before said court, in Omaha, on the first Monday in January. We think our county treasurer has acted wisely in accepting the partial payment as the money is needed in the county.—Times-Independent.

As will be noticed in another column, Loup City business men met on Tuesday and organized a Commercial Club. This is a step in the right direction, and if each and every business man takes hold of the enterprise, and all work together, great good will result. We shall take pleasure in seeing and helping to bring out best results. In the meantime, while the newspapers may always be found pushing for the best interests of the business men, is it asking too much that the business men always be found doing likewise for their home newspapers?

**Estray Notice.**  
Taken up as an estray on Nov. 27th, 1904, on section twenty-three, in Hazard township, Sherman county, Nebraska, the following described stock, to-wit: One iron gray colt, one dark bay colt and one black colt—all horse colts, combine 2 years' old. Owner will prove property, pay all costs and take same away, or they will be sold according to law. **EARST H. A. DE LA MOTTE**

## VISIT TO PACIFIC COAST

Interesting Letters Written by  
a Nebraska Girl.

SERIES NO. 2.

My last letter chronicled the visit to Schellburg Falls. We the next favorable day visited the covered bridge two miles up the river. You see, we could ride one way.

After crossing the bridge, we alighted and first went down to the old camp ground, which was certainly a lovely place. There were rustic seats, rustic tables and a pretty little fernery. We climbed down the river bank to where we could hear a tiny spring trickling down into the river, and where our guide gathered some beautiful Maiden Hair ferns, which we were pleased to take home and press as souvenirs.

Returning to the bridge, we went under it and followed the river up to the rapids, where for some time we sat on an immense boulder watching the beautiful play of the water, while the others engaged in the pleasant pastime of trout fishing, after which we wended our way homeward after the sun had gathered his golden arrows into his quiver and quietly sank to rest.

On the way home, the guide suggested it was not very late and it was not very far to Fox Valley, and so away we went, over the river and through the woods; over smooth valley roads—smooth except for the inevitable stones, without which no driveway in Oregon would be complete. On we went for over four miles, thoroughly enjoying the peaceful night scene, hearing no sounds, save our own merry voices and the clattering hoofs of the horses over the stony road, or the occasional musical tinkle of a cowbell as we passed a farm house, with its slumbering occupants. We passed a cemetery, but even its ghostly marble columns east no sombre shadows over the pathway of the Happy Four.

It was the Nebraska girl's first view of Fox valley, beautiful beyond comparison. But we shall all keep that moonlight drive stored away in the treasure trove of our memories and labelled "Purest Pleasure."

About 3 o'clock on the third day following, we finally started on a long anticipated visit to the mountains. Can you imagine the delight of throwing care to the winds and for eleven whole days giving yourself up entirely to the hospitality and kindness of friends and the beauties of nature. Then, perhaps, you may realize what this visit meant to us all.

Our road lay along the valley of the Santiam river. The drive most of the time was shaded by the tall trees on either side of the road, and often so near the river we could hear the rushing of its waters over rocky bed and catch glimpses of its crystal clearness.

We ascend long, steep hills, from whose summit we could look out over miles of beautiful country, all covered with noble trees, except where cleared for the homes which dotted valley and mountain side. Some of the way the road lay down in dark ravines, then again rising perpendicular on the one side with yawning precipices on the other.

Every description of Oregon scenery must of necessity include stones and rocks of every size and shape, and of varying colors; and ferns, brake and a profusion of wild flowers.

On reaching cold spring, we stopped and ate lunch and drank of the clear, sparkling water. We helped ourselves to salmon and "huckleberries," which Mother Nature was offering on her bill of fare to all who would patronize her woodland dining hall.

Concluding, we resumed our journey, reaching our destination a little after sundown, and were welcomed by a dear old couple who had the knack of making us feel entirely at home almost as soon as we arrived.

The next day we went fishing.

(Continued on local page.)

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