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ROSEBURG, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1924.

CHRISTMAS REVELRY.

The history of Christmas is an incongruous one, suggesting what crude ideas the ancient peoples had of celebrating the coming of Jesus Christ. An occasion that would naturally be one of spiritual aspiration and thankfulness, was for centuries enjoyed by multitudes as one of gluttony and drunkenness. This occurred, because it seemed necessary then to allow people to enjoy many of the old customs that had been handed down from the heathen festivals, which thus became connected with the Christian celebration. In ancient times the people were allowed on this occasion to celebrate the "Feast of Fools" as a means of allowing human folly to have the outlet it demanded and get it over with. But one of the ancient theologians remarked that "if all the devils in Hell had put their heads together to devise a feast that should utterly scandalize Christianity, they could not have improved upon this one." But even in those old days, there were many who recognized the true meaning of the day, and it is a sign of the progress of civilization that our modern celebration has so few grotesque features. Such abuses as now attach to the Christmas gift custom seem very slight compared with the old excesses. In many localities and homes now, Christmas is the scene of the purest merriment that the whole year sees. Family traditions call for a jollification, and the spirit of mirth seizes upon old and young. Sedate ancients perform stunts they thought they had forgotten years ago, and they and the young crowd vie in playing tricks on each other, and the homes resound with ringing voices. All which is as it should be. Human nature needs a complete obliteration of care and anxiety from time to time, and it is not unfitting on a day which was heralded with the song "Joy to the World."

Many people can think back to some little country village, and recall how in the days preceding Christmas it was a fixed custom to go out into wild tracts, for evergreen material with which to decorate their churches. Theoretically this was purely a job of community service, but marriageable young folks were often looking for other things than laurel or holly or whatever stuff grew in their district. Today many churches buy such material ready made. If you asked the young crowd to go out and get that stuff, they would plead about a dozen engagements. In many cases the land where these pretty things once grew is now all cut up into building lots, or the owners forbid trespassing. In many country churches the same pretty old custom still prevails. Young people are fortunate when they can find pleasure in these simple outdoor activities, and not have to depend so much on artificial entertainment.

There is one way in which the people of Roseburg can perform many kindly acts of charity, and that is by the careful distribution of their old clothes. Winter is the time when the demand for clothing becomes more urgent. There are always many struggling families that are greatly helped by such a gift. The slightly shabby suit or dress that seems to one family to be too far gone, may with a little mending and freshening be just the thing for some other people who are not so particular. There are plenty of people who are not too proud to wear old fashions. The people who put judgment and sympathy into the disposition of this material are rewarded by many grateful thoughts.

Imagine the state executive sitting as judge and jury, listening to evidence introduced against a state official, said official having been charged by said executive with misconduct of office. This is about the rankest piece of justice this old state has handed out for a long time—regardless of the fact whether or not a member of the fish commission had been guilty of wrongdoing. So far as justice is concerned the whole matter is a damnable farce and Governor Pierce in the role of judge, jury and official prosecutor, with authority to pass sentence on the "prisoner," has certainly stepped into the mire of official disrepute.

It will soon be time to pay your auto tax, then you can figure out your income tax, after which the county will take a whack at your pocketbook for taxes on real and personal property. If you live long enough, and work hard enough, and are mighty adept at getting only the bare necessities out of life, you may be able to pass to the Great Beyond at the wheel of last year's model.

The Oregon legislature convenes in January. Judging from comment being passed around it will be a sane and safe assemblage—with constructive action on the part of most of its members from the very beginning.

The weather man certainly gave the inlives of this section a severe jolt last night. Twelve above zero doesn't sound—neither does it feel good to us.

If you can't think of anything else to give your friends for Christmas, make it a hot water bottle.

Give freely for Christmas. January 1 is the time and date for "tightening up."

Anyway, this is ideal weather for Christmas.

What is Christmas?

(By Florence Aiken Banks, written after listening to a Christmas sermon by Rev. Joseph H. Knotts, Sunday morning, December 21, 1924.)

"What is Christmas?" I asked of my soul,
And this answer came back to me,
"Ah, it is the glory of heaven come down
In the hearts of humanity—
Come in the spirit and heart of a child,
And it matters not what we share
At Christmas, it is not Christmas at all
Unless the Christ Child be there,
Unless the Christ Child be there.

"It is not a parade in the name of Christ,
And the giving of beautiful things.
It's the infinite love of God in heaven,
And a choir in the sky that sings
Of peace on earth and good-will toward men,
Of a child in a stable bare;
And Christmas is never Christmas at all
Unless the Christ Child be there,
Unless the Christ Child be there.

"An epoch it is in every year,
When there bursts forth a springtime's glow
Of warmth and love from the Father in heaven
On the cold of men's hearts below,
While they remember the gift of His Son
Come to show His mercy and care.
And Christmas is never Christmas at all
Unless the Christ Child be there,
Unless the Christ Child be there."

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

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AN XMAS CLIMAX FOR DODGE CARS

A record delivery of 11 cars will be made this Christmas by J. O. Newland & Son, local Dodge Brothers dealers, if the carload of cars is received from the factory today as expected. Four type "A" sedans, one type "B" sedan, three special coupes, one special and one standard touring, and one Dodge Brothers-Graham Brothers truck to be obtained from Marshfield are the cars to be delivered. Besides the cars which will be included in the delivery, the dealers have three orders for types which they cannot supply at present.

This is the largest single delivery of automobiles ever to be made in Roseburg at one time. It is larger by four cars than the previous record made by the local firm at the peak of the selling season, July 1, 1922.

"Although it seems unusual for the record breaking delivery of cars to come at this time of year when car sales are ordinarily the lowest," said J. O. Newland, "we have not forgotten that this is Christmas time, and that the new license period starts with the first of the year. It also seems that people are just passing the customary slow period that occurs at election.

"For the last nine months we have delivered 27 Dodges in comparison with 17 for the seven previous months, which holds us in third place for the entire eleven months, below Ford and Star. With this climax to our sales efforts for 1924 the period is closing as the greatest in the nine years I have been selling Dodge Brothers cars."

XMAS STATIONERY

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Studebaker costs less per pound than butter.

Do you know—Hudson-Essex invented the Coach and sold 180,000 in three years?

COOLIDGE FAMILY PREPARE A SIMPLE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Among the first Christmas greetings to go out from official Washington today were those sent by President Coolidge "to the men whose disabilities tell most eloquently of their sacrifice to the nation."

The president sent his message through the disabled veterans and it was broadcast to the army and navy by Secretaries Weeks and Wilbur.

"Their valor which aroused the world's admiration during hostilities," President Coolidge said of the disabled veterans, "has since engaged our continuing respect because of their courageous fight to heal the wounds of the war.

"It is noted now that their splendid efforts in that direction will receive encouragement from their fellow citizens are determined that every assistance will be forthcoming to overcome their honorable handicaps."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Memories of Christmases in other years before the family circle was broken crowded upon President and Mrs. Coolidge today as they prepared for their second Christmas in the White House.

With the approach of the holidays bringing fresh reminders of the loss of Calvin, the younger son, who in years past contributed much to the season's merriment, the preparations made were with a view to the simplest observance.

There will be no Christmas tree and no guests other than Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, who arrived today and who through long association have come to be regarded by the President and his wife almost as members of the family.

Although Mr. Coolidge by executive order released government employes from their work at noon, business here virtually ceased at that time until Friday. The president arranged, however, to spend the greater part of the afternoon at his desk. Mrs. Coolidge had accepted an invitation to assist officers of one of the city's charitable organizations in the distribution during the afternoon of Christmas boxes to the poor.

Two of the features of the White House Christmas Eve of last year, however, are to be continued. The president, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, after dinner tonight, will walk across to Sherman Circle to be present at the lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree. A living spruce nearly 50 feet in height, brought down from the Adirondack mountains of New York and planted there a week ago by several national organizations, Mr. Coolidge will turn a switch to light the tree.

This little ceremony will be followed by the singing of Christmas Carols from the White House portico by the choir of the First Congregational Church.

Tomorrow morning, after an exchange of gifts, the president Mrs. Coolidge, their son, John, and Mr. and Mrs. Stearns, will attend union Christmas services arranged by the churches of Washington. Christmas dinner will be served in the evening with a big turkey grown on a Wyoming reclamation project and recently sent to the White House by Wyoming friends of the chief executive, occupying the place of prominence.

Get your Christmas poinsettias at The Fern.

RADIO PROGRAMS

From Pacific Coast Stations

Wednesday, December 24.

KGW—The Oregonian, Portland—12:30 p. m. concert; 5 p. m. children's program; 8 p. m. string and flute quintette concert.

KPO—Hale Brother's Inc., San Francisco—5:30 p. m. children's hour; 8 p. m. carols by Trinity choir; solos and duets with vocal concert.

KHJ—The Los Angeles Times—6 p. m. orchestra music; 6:30 p. m. children's hour; 8 p. m. Christmas program of music and incidentals.

KFI—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles—6:45 p. m. Nick Harris' detective stories; 7:30 p. m. children's Christmas eve program.

KGO—The General Electric Co., Oakland—4 p. m. orchestra music.

Thursday, December 25.

KGO—General Electric Co., Oakland—8 p. m. Christmas program by KGO mixed quartette and instrumental trio, and speaker.

KFI—Earle C. Anthony Inc., Los Angeles—10 p. m. chorus and organ recital.

KHJ—The Times, Los Angeles—6:30 p. m. special children's program with Chirstmas tree and Santa Claus; 7 p. m. special Christmas program of vocal and instrumental music and speaking.

KPO—Hale Brothers Inc., San Francisco—8:30 a. m. to noon special Christmas programs of music and carols.

KGWThe Oregonian, Portland—1:30 p. m. Christmas carols; organ music.

Friday, December 26.

KGW—The Oregonian,, Portland—5 p. m. children's program.

KPO—Hale Brothers Inc., San Francisco—4:30 p. m. orchestra music.

KHJ—The Times, Los Angeles—10:30 p. m. dance music.

KFI—Earle C. Anthony Inc., Los Angeles—6:45 p. m. organ recital.

KGO—General Electric Co., Oakland—5:30 p. m. girl's half hour.

Saturday, December 27.

KGO—General Electric Co., Oakland—8 p. m. varied program of music.

KFI—Earle C. Anthony Inc., Los Angeles—10 p. m. Packard Radio club.

KHJ—The Times, Los Angeles—2:30 p. m. vocal and instrumental music; 6:30 p. m. children's hour; 11 p. m. dance music.

KPO—Hale Brothers Inc., San Francisco—3:30 p. m. tea dansant; 8 p. m. Art Weidner's orchestra playing dance music.

KGW—The Oregonian, Portland—10 p. m. dance music by Multnomah Strollers.

Christmas box candy, Wimberly's

COMMUNITY XMAS TREE TONIGHT

All Roseburg children of school age are invited to attend the community Christmas tree to be given by the Umpqua Chiefs at the corner of Cass and Jackson streets tonight at 7 o'clock. This tree is provided for all children, and it is the hope that every youngster in the city or immediate vicinity will be present. Chiefs are instructed to be at Lawrence's office promptly at 5 o'clock in full regalia, to assist the boy scouts in clearing the streets, and roping off the blocks leading to the tree. At 7 o'clock Christmas carols will be sung by a chorus directed by Mrs. Charles Brand, of the Hoinline Conservatory, after which Mayor Houck will speak briefly and candy and fruit will be distributed to all children.

The annual free show for children was given by the Elks lodge at the Antlers theatre this afternoon, and was attended by a crowd of youngsters which filled the building to capacity. Gifts of candy and fruit were passed out to all in attendance.

As churches of the city are holding programs tonight, it is planned to conclude the community Christmas tree program promptly at 8 o'clock.

Christmas—cards, tinsel, ribbon, tissue paper, tree decorations, stickers, bells, streamers, candles Lingerie"—Bellows Store Co.

CONTROVERSY DENIED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An inclination in some quarters to make a diplomatic incident out of White House comment yesterday on Ambassador Jusserand's recent public address on the French debt led to a White House statement today disclaiming any intention of a controversy.

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DISTRIBUTE HUGE GIFTS

BEND, Ore., Dec. 24.—Nearly $12,000 in Christmas bonuses were distributed by the Brooks-Scanlon and Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Mills yesterday. The exact amount was given as $11,750.

They will close, under present plans, for Christmas, resuming work Friday morning. It was thought possible that because of the unusually cold weather that work would be continued right over the holiday, but partial arrangements have been made to keep a few men on duty in the mill and on the log pond.

The machinery will probably be run all day, however, despite the fact that no logs will be put through, in order that the cold may not affect operation of the mills the next day.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Brockway and Dillard Farmers Telephone Co. will be held at the Brockway school house, Saturday, January 3, at 1:30 p. m. All stockholders are requested to attend.

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D. M. REDDING, Sec.

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Today's Cross-Word Puzzle

A TRICKY TICKLER

HERE'S a crispy cross-cross with
every cross word puzzle fan.
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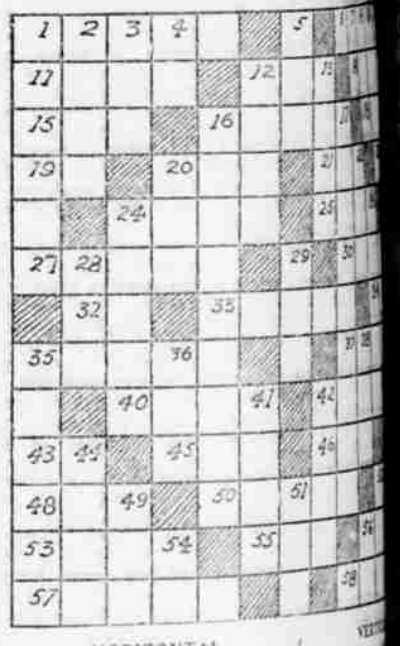
Below are the definitions—horizontal
contained in this puzzle. See tomorrow
twister.



HORIZONTAL.

1—talk
6—to sniff
11—weights
12—chart
14—a great lake
15—aged
16—horseman
18—make a mistake
19—in the matter of
20—copper (Latin)
21—gain as clear profit
23—older man (abbr.)
24—urges on
25—nickname for a strike-breaker
27—gift
30—put up
32—you and I
33—merits
34—look
35—deserve
37—sylvan deity
40—drunkards
42—shortcomings
43—football player (abbr.)
45—recent
46—capsule of a plant
47—note of scale
48—South African antelope
50—crow-like bird
52—invite
53—simple
55—cushion
56—anxiety
57—guide a boat
58—juicy of apples

Herewith is solution to puzzle No. 56.