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JOKES ABOUT SANTA

In the town of Paris, Ky., a seven-year-old girl is seriously ill because she has just learned that there isn't any Santa Claus; and if you could get a nickel for every joke, near joke and wise crack that will be drawn up around that little news item, you would have a very merry Christmas indeed. There's no getting away from it; our superficial civilization finds something rather funny in the story. It is a bit of a joke to find someone, even a seven-year-old girl, who devoutly believed that there were unseen forces of goodness and kindness in this world that couldn't be accounted for by any perfectly obvious explanation. It is the fate of youth to be lied to. We are never candid and frank with our youngsters, any more than our own parents were with us. One would think, sometimes, that the adults of the world had found out some terrible secret about it, from which they wanted to protect their children as long as possible. At any rate, a great many myths have been invented. They range all the way from the Santa Claus story to the theory that a good man will inevitably come a cropper. We grow up with them, shuffling off first one and then another; and as each one goes it takes with it a little bit of our faith in the goodness of the world and the destiny of mankind. All of this is hard to take. So we make a joke out of it, and are able to get a laugh out of the tragedy of the little girl who found out that Santa Claus was just make-believe stuff. The joke, however, is on us. Nothing that the race possesses is quite as important as its ability to believe in things that are not so. When a man loses that ability he is done for. All progress and all hope of progress are bound up in it. For we have a way, over long stretches of time, of making our dreams come true. A world of cruel, ignorant, half-barbaric men was told, 2000 years ago, that it is at bottom a world of men who are kind, decent, brotherly and aspiring; and lo! by long, painful processes that is becoming a reality. It is as Don Quixote's Old Man of the Mountain told Marco Polo: "I've seen men begin lower than the gibbering ape, and I've seen 'em end up the shining sons of God." We have to raise ourselves by our own bootstraps, and the process calls for faith. The person who discovers that a certain beautiful belief is based on falsity is not so much to be pitied as the person who grins and says, "Well, what did you expect?"

The Umpqua Chiefs are to be commended. Roseburg has many fine organizations but when it comes to dressing up the city for the Yuletide season none of them can compare with that booster club. Chief Umpqua, those Christmas trees along the main thoroughfare look great!

The pre and con of the North Umpqua road project echoed in Roseburg this afternoon. And also remember the time when individuals with moss-covered backs opposed the paving the main street of the city.

If you can't say a good word for Douglas county don't complain when the neighbor's dog growls at you.

Jupe Plavus gave us a fine soaking—which we deserved.

If you must shop late be sure and do it in Roseburg.

Pity the poor mailman on a month like this.

CHILEANS EXTEND WARM WELCOME TO HERBERT HOOVER

Colorful Parade Features Visit — Engineering Degree Given by University.

(Associated Press Local Wire)
 SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 11.—The traditional friendship between the United States and Chile, which has existed since the foundation of the republic, was commemorated today in a series of events which included a banquet at the presidential palace at 10 o'clock, followed by a reception at the Chilean club and immediate members of the Hoover party were invited to it.

While Mr. Hoover was being entertained and conversing with Chilean officials, American businessmen in this country have expressed the view that the visit of Mr. Hoover, while devoted entirely to the promotion of goodwill, would prove to be of infinite benefit to the commercial relations between the two countries.

American Money Welcome
 One American said that more than \$400,000,000 of American capital was already invested in Chile, and that Chileans realizing the extent to which Mr. Hoover had promoted the relations between the two countries, would welcome a further influx of American money for the development of natural resources. Before extending to Mr. Hoover for his trip across the

NOTICE
 Special meeting of Umpqua Branch Exchange, Saturday, Dec. 15th at 2 p. m. at office of Exchange, Douglas St. and S. P. tracks. Election of officers.

Herbert Meyers, Pres.
 Foster Butler, Mgr.

Andes, Mr. Hoover was to receive an honorary membership in the school of engineers of the University of Chile.

Colorful Parade
 Mr. Hoover and the president of Chile rode through the city in an open-top motorcade. A large number of Chilean citizens, mostly of the middle class, lined the route. The parade was escorted by a group of presidential guards, carrying pennants of alternately the United States and Chilean flags. The marching bands of the two nations played. A large crowd of citizens lined the route, and the parade was a great success.

CUBA MAY SEE GARRETTE KILL ITS FIRST WOMAN

(Associated Press Local Wire)
 HAVANA, Dec. 11.—The first woman ever to be put to death in the Garretts in Cuba probably will be Edwanda Ortiz, convicted of slaying her lover, during a judicial trial.

Every effort to save Edwanda's life has failed.

Edwanda is 21 years of age, and a member of a middle class San Diego family.

Cuba's first woman to be put to death.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS

As we go to Press slickers
 An' a flock
 Of rural gent
 Are clinched
 In mortal combat
 Out of which
 We sincerely hope
 Will emerge the
 Dawn of a
 Brighter day and
 A road up the
 North Umpqua river.

A contest to choose a state flower has been in progress in California. Why not give Hollywood a little publicity by naming the cuckoo?

Deer hunters killed an Angora by mistake up in Massachusetts. They seem to have made quite a success of getting the farmer's goat.

Interesting stories have been told of that 92-year-old drummer who is still traveling, but we have as yet seen no mention of the time when he had to stop at the farmer's house overnight.

There are now 65 active volcanoes. The number will be reduced when Charley Dawes leaves the senate.

There was an average of one murder a year in the United States between 1880 and 1885, according to a magazine writer. Weren't there any saxophones then?

Maybe the item in a Kansas City paper about an "atomnae smoker" wasn't so wrong after all.

George Bernard Shaw says the time is coming when the world will not use coal. He's been talking to the janitor.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ—
 "Nuthin' like some good ol' sunshine to put the flu bugs outa business."

FRUIT GROWERS OF STATE MEET HERE TOMORROW

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H. D. Bender, Corvallis, Oregon, Marketing Prunes, Bethel, Pa. The Cannerymen and Oregon's Horticulture, E. M. Burns, secretary Northwest Cannery association, Portland, Oregon.

Home Grounds, Prof. Arthur L. Peck, Corvallis, Oregon.

Thursday, December 13

Commercial Fertilizers for Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Crops, Horace Dunbar, Director, California Soil Improvement Committee, Los Angeles, California.

Nut Growing in Oregon, Prof. C. E. Schuster.

Color in the Garden, Prof. Arthur L. Peck, Corvallis, Oregon.

State Board of Horticulture and Oregon's Horticulture, Chas. A. Cole, Secretary, Portland, Oregon.

12:00-1:00 p. m., luncheon.

Business session.

Strawberry Growing, Ray Galt, Woodburn, Oregon.

The Nurseryman and Oregon's Horticulture, Clayton B. Lewis, Portland, Oregon.

Labor Distribution in the Production of Horticultural Crops, Prof. H. D. Bender, Corvallis, Oregon.

Oregon State Agricultural College and Oregon's Horticulture, W. S. Brown, Chief in Horticulture, Corvallis, Oregon.

6:20 p. m., banquet.

Friday, December 14

Modern Nursery Methods, R. Lohr, Department of Soil Research, Kilbuck Manufacturing Corporation, Los Angeles, California.

State Market Agent and Oregon's Horticulture, Seymour Jones, Salem, Oregon.

Pacific International Livestock Exposition and Land Products Show and Oregon's Horticulture, C. D. Milton, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Factors in Successful Production and Marketing, Prof. A. G. P. Benquet, Corvallis, Oregon.

12:00-1:00 p. m., luncheon.

The Bulk Industry in Oregon, F. G. Blandford, director Willamette Cooperative Bulk Growers Association, Portland.

Organization of the Northwest Fruit Industry, H. B. Weather, Eugene, Oregon.

Recent Developments in Horticultural Crops and Their Marketing, Dr. N. G. Gabrielson, Budget Control Leader, Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. D. A.

The Oregon State Fair and Oregon's Horticulture, A. C. Marston, Roseburg, Oregon.

LEEDY NAMED SECRETARY OF PRUNE ASSOCIATION

J. V. Leedy, county agricultural agent, has been named secretary of the Douglas Prune Growers Association. Mr. Leedy takes the place made vacant by the resignation of H. E. Cully, Chamber of Commerce secretary, who is leaving soon for Portland to take a position as field representative with the U. S. National bank.

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His Christmas

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 Zephyr Wool Golf Shirts
 Fashioned Silk and Silk and Wool Socks
 Outing Flannel, Broadcloth and Silk Pajamas
 Beacon Cloth, Wool, and Silk Lounging Robes
 Fancy Silk, and Broadcloth Underwear
 Cushion and hard leather sole and Felt and all leather Slippers

Harth's TOGGERY

RIVAL GROUPS LINED UP FOR ROAD BATTLE

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for construction work. As the meeting opened this afternoon, both sides were in clamorous evidence and ready to begin a fray that promised to be one of the most heated ever known in Douglas county.

It is the duty of the highway commission to pass upon the district boundaries, no other question technically being involved. The law provides that the boundaries of a super road district shall first be outlined and an application made for the formation of the district within such limits. A public hearing is then called for the purpose of hearing arguments for and against the proposed boundaries after which the commission makes such recommendations as it may deem advisable, after which an election is to be called within the limits finally adopted. Practically every section outside the city limits of Roseburg is represented in the recommendations for the district also come from other groups of some of these communities, so that the commission is faced with a tangle that will make a decision a difficult matter.

TIMBER MEN HERE

Jack Kimball of Klamath Falls and C. D. Chapman of Tacoma, representing the tax department of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, were in Roseburg today to attend the North Umpqua road district hearing. Mr. Kimball has been in the service of the Weyerhaeuser company for the past 25 years.

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POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

EZRA MEEKER—PIONEER

More than any other man in our history, Ezra Meeker was the epitome of the pioneer spirit. Born in 1830, coming first by ox team to Oregon in 1852, he seemed to gather into his very soul the old pioneer spirit. What Daniel Boone was to Kentucky in an earlier generation, Ezra Meeker was to Oregon. He is the last great personality connected with pioneer migration to the Northwest—the covered-wagon hero.

Brave Ezra Meeker, pioneer,
 He never counseled with his fears
 He was a gallant, daring soul,
 And clung to his romantic role;
 He was a rare old frontier scout
 Whom prairie schooners pointed west
 'Twas Ezra Meeker gave them zest.

I see again those slow ox teams,
 The ghosts of many noble dreams,
 I see those brave and daring folks
 Adventure never had to coax;
 'Gainst hardships they so bravely bucked,
 And in their hopes new states were tucked;
 They beat the war chief at his game
 And lived to win an honored name.

Amid the picturesque and grand
 They made their mark on this new land;
 They were the tools of Providence
 And had unmeasured common sense;
 They tamed the land and founded states
 And gave them many noble traits;
 Now o'er their covered-wagon trails
 The airplanes carry daily mails.

Hail, Meeker, Western pioneer,
 We give to you a rousing cheer!
 To Oregon a faithful friend
 You were—consistent to the end;
 The hair grew white upon your head,
 But still adventure's trail you led,
 Peace to your spirit, rest your soul;
 The journey's o'er; you've reached the goal.

Do You Know Your Own County?

Interesting bits of information concerning the origin of names and geographic landmarks in Douglas County.

TODAY: DOUGLAS COUNTY

(Editor's Note: Material in this column was obtained from the recent book "Oregon Geographic Names," by McArthur.)

DOUGLAS COUNTY—On January 24, 1851, the Territorial Legislature created Umpqua County and named it for the Umpqua River. It is said that the short life of Umpqua County was due to political troubles. In any event, on January 7, 1852, the Territorial Legislature created Douglas county out of the eastern portion of Umpqua county. Another part of Umpqua county was added to Coos county in December 1852 and the remainder was given to Douglas county in 1862. Douglas county was named for Stephen Arnold Douglas, distinguished American politician and Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1860. He was a strong supporter of Oregon in the Congress, and at the time Douglas county was named for him, he was in the United States senate from Illinois. The land area of Douglas county is 4991 square miles.

DOUGLAS MEAT MARKET IS MOVED TO NEW LOCATION

The Peoples Supply Meat Market has now been moved to its new location in the Powell building and will be known in the future as the Douglas Meat Market. The market is conducted by O. L. Lehman and son, who have had a great deal of experience in this business and who have been very successful in building up a large trade since coming to Roseburg. The new market provides more room for carrying on the business than was afforded in the old location. New equipment has been installed and other improvements made to provide greater efficiency and service.

NORTH SIDE MEAT MARKET ENTERED AND \$5.00 STOLEN

The North Side Meat Market was entered last night by some unknown person who stole \$5 in small change left in the till. Entrance was gained through a rear window, from which the glass was broken sufficiently to permit the burglar to enter. So far as could be learned nothing was taken except the money. The officers were notified but have no clue that will aid in locating the culprit.

FOOTBALL PAYS \$1,750,000 DEBT AT OHIO STATE "U"

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—Seven seasons of football at Ohio State University wiped out a debt of more than \$1,750,000 on Ohio stadium.

Now football has been given the ten year task of raising another \$1,750,000 to add other athletic plants to the campus.

Plans contemplate the erection of five buildings to harmonize with a new use of physical education building, an armory and an aviation hangar, financed by legislative appropriation.

The new units will be a varsity men's field house, to cost \$500,000; an intramural sports building, \$500,000; a swimming pool, \$250,000; a women's field house, \$300,000.

TINY MITES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNICK



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

Don't go to work, with all their shop in the next story.
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 (The Tynmites visit the doll line.)

SIDE GLANCES—By George Clark



"The hubby and I have agreed not to buy each other any presents so I won't expect anything very expensive from him."

MISHAP PUTS CANADIAN WOMAN IN THE HOSPITAL

(Associated Press Local Wire)
 SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—Mrs.

Henry Dietz of Calgary, Canada, is in a hospital here with a spinal injury received when the automobile driven by her husband skidded off the highway near here yesterday.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



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