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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Mist wishes its readers a merry Christmas. In return for the many kindnesses you have shown in our behalf we feel this to be but a feeble acknowledgement...

EVERY enterprising citizen should do all possible to assure the success of the new poultry association enterprise.

The new tariff law presented its complications to its framers on their return to Washington with an evidence of steady growth in earnings.

An exchange argues that the good times which have been a concomitant of republican administrations in the past, and appear to be returning under the present administration...

No one who has kept track of the developments in the Klondike region will be surprised at the news that a famine is imminent at Dawson City.

That Columbia county is safely republican there is not a question. The election of '98 demonstrated conclusively the strength of the party vote in the county.

The proposition of Oregon inviting immigration is a magnificent one and is commendable from many points of view. But let us be careful.

When the time comes for the selection of names for the next republican ticket in Columbia county The Mist sincerely hopes, first, that good trustworthy men will be brought forward...

That Oregon is the best advertised of any of the Northwest states there is no doubt. Oregon's immense crop of wheat, hops, fruit...

LETTER FROM SKAGWAY.

The following letter was written by Sam Lovell, well known in this county, to Mr. W. D. Connel, of Deer Island:

DEAR WIL - Skagway, Nov. 27, 1897. Many people are arriving today, mostly from the north, and the population has increased at least 500 since you left...

The tramroad has a way to the foot of the hill and has ties strung along for four miles. A bridge for same is in course of construction at the head of Main street.

A man came from Lake Bennett to Skagway in eight hours, part of the way on skates. He walked to Lake Bennett in two days, first day to Ford, arriving at 3 P. M.

We have been having some cold weather for about ten days. Thermometer ranging from 10 degrees to 30 degrees above zero.

We have a telephone in operation between here and Dyea, and we also have electric lights here.

The public schools have a vacation of two weeks. Fred Johnson, of Ilwaco, was on our streets Monday.

A. F. Myers left on the steamer Monday evening for a brief visit to Ilwaco. F. Rutter and wife have begun housekeeping in the Gunne building on Nehalem avenue this week.

Dr. Knoder left us Monday evening for Portland, having repaired and extracted a number of teeth during his stay with us. E. Hughes has established his family in Paris for the winter, formerly occupied by Edgerton, where they are comfortably situated.

Watson Elliott, of Marshland, is having the Stratton building repaired and put in shape for rent. He is giving it some personal superintendence last week.

Messrs. Harlow and English began work Monday on a building for L. J. Meserve, who secured a very desirable location on a portion of the M. O. Bryant block.

On Thursday evening John Wallace, assisted by the Dixon, brought to Clatskanie in a small boat the remains of William Powell, who was found dead on his bed in a snow near Wood's landing the day before.

by taxation for doing so. Dr. Hall gave some figures showing the present debt of the district, the amount of available assets, and the estimated cost of running the schools...

BOULTON HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. F. M. Flory visited the metropolis Wednesday. Mrs. L. M. Stern has gone to Portland for a short stay.

Ed Hillbrook, of Raleigh, visited his parents here last Saturday. Oscar Reed returned home from school Tuesday to spend the holidays.

P. G. Baker, of Portland, was in this place most of the day Sunday. Who says our town is not improving? Look at Swager's new veranda.

Mrs. J. H. Urie and Mrs. G. D. Gilson took a trip to Portland Tuesday. Mrs. J. Brown, of Raleigh, was visiting relatives at this place the forepart of the week.

Many of our young folks intend going to Seapoose Christmas eve to attend the mask ball. Mrs. Bay, who has been visiting relatives at Gray's river for some time, has returned home.

With the weather as pleasant as it is at present, who would hardly think Christmas times so near at hand? We are pleased to note that Mr. John Franz is quite improved, and by the aid of a chair can manage to move around the room.

Prof. C. E. Hall is again at his post of duty after a short but quite severe illness, and the ringing of the school bell sounds quite familiar.

Merchant N. A. Perry could not attend to all of his customers so he secured the assistance of David Heushaw, Jr. Buddie this morning like an old hand.

Mrs. Nettie Keaser, of Gobie, visited friends in this place for a few hours one day last week. She was on her way to Portland to secure the assistance of Santa Claus. What a busybody he will be on that evening!

It is reported that there will be two Christmas trees here on Christmas eve, one at the church and one at the schoolhouse. The one at the latter place to be conducted by the Union Sunday school. Both are in the hands of competent persons and will undoubtedly be a success.

F. L. Wilson returned from the metropolis Tuesday. People of this vicinity are preparing for a grand time Christmas.

Miss Lu Shannahan was visiting Mrs. Frank Tracy Saturday. Albert Parker, of Pittsburg, was strolling on our streets Saturday.

Wm. Hesa arrived with another load of groceries for his father's store Friday. Peter Bergerson, of Upper Nehalem, paid Forest Grove a flying visit Friday.

Several of our young men contemplate attending the masquerade at Mist next Friday evening. Thomas Brink arrived from Portland on Sunday. Tom expects to remain in the valley all winter.

Ernest Shannahan was a Forest Grove visitor Friday. He reports the roads in a terrible condition. Guy Mills was engaged by our postmaster to take the mail out Saturday as the contractor's horses were unable to travel.

The supervisor of road district No. 13 was repairing the swampy piece of road near the Wilkinson schoolhouse Saturday. Israel Spencer received a letter from his relatives in New York telling of the death of his oldest sister of dropsy of the heart.

F. L. Wilson hauled a load of oats over the mountains Thursday, returning Saturday with a load of general merchandise. We are informed there is to be a Christmas tree at the Beaver schoolhouse on the night of the 25th. All are cordially invited to attend.

William Wells, of Ballston, but formerly of this valley, came over the mountain Saturday to visit with his friends. We are glad to welcome to the absent ones back.

W. O. Wilson returned to his home last Saturday. Will has spent the past summer at Summer Lake, Southern Oregon. He expects soon to return to Philomath to attend school this winter.

Some of our citizens are talking pretty loud against the pensions of the old soldiers. We think a man has not got but a very little patriotic blood coursing through his veins who wishes to see the government pensioning the brave boys in blue.

FROM KEASEY. The McCauley boys are home from the railroad camps. A few hours of sunshine thankfully received. Greater blessings hoped for.

Wm. Kern, who for a long time has suffered from what was pronounced a tumor, is recovered. The swelling proved to be a large abscess.

Nelson Litta, who for some time has been working for an art firm in Portland, has returned home; whether for a vacation or to stay we know not.

The storm center which for many weeks has been at Vernonia is liable to remove up Rock creek, as there are distant mutterings in that direction. Hope no lives will be lost.

A telegram from C. C. Keasey announced the safe arrival in St. Louis, Sunday evening, December 13th. He had the company of Mr. Kerr, of Pittsburg, and his two sons Joe and George, as far as Pueblo, they being on their way to Texas.

Along with the easy ringing of Christmas chimes will be the sound of wedding bells somewhere not many miles from Vernonia. May it be a union of hearts as well as of hands. From the days of early childhood they have been friends together, and may the golden links grow brighter, purer, and stronger as years go by.

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