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THE SORROWFUL CHRISTMAS.

Ben Lampman of the Gold Hills News says:
Nicholas, saint of the children, drummed on the frosted pane; he heard the play of the snow sprites over the Northern plain, he heard the hoofs of his reindeer crunch on the crusted snow—and he answered Mistress Nicholas, "Yea, it is time to go." Wild as a dove stamped the Arctic wind rushed by, the lonely wolf of the barrens lifted a lonely cry. "Wife, will you see to my mittens, and darn me well the thumb?—I dread me this one Christmas more than all that shall come. Yea, but I dread this Christmas; I'll go with my old heart sad, for I carry the strangest playthings that ever a youngster had. The coat that the good bear gave me, brush it and trim it new—I must ride with Christmas as ever I used to do." The swirl of the sifted snow sand slashed at the frosted pane, and the saint of little children turned to his toys again.

Nicholas, patron of Christmas, has laden his pack with gifts; he hears the play of the snow sprites piling the Northern drifts, he hears the clink of harness where his reindeer paw the snow—and he answers Mistress Nicholas, "Yea, it is time to go." Keen as a slashing saber the Arctic wind makes strife; he girds the belt of walrus and bids farewell to his wife. "Bind me this scarf the tighter—loosen the hood a mite—I ride to the south with Christmas, and I travel overnight. Yea, overnight with trinkets and dolls and pretty toys, but I carry the broken sword blade—that is the Belgian boy's. I carry the khaki tunic—stained—with the bayonet thrust; mayhap the lass in England will think that stain but rust. France, and the Rhine, and Russia. . . . He sets his foot to the sleigh, and the saint of little children drives south with Christmas day.

GERMANY HAS LEAST FELT THE WASTAGE OF WAR

In the December American Magazine Will Irwin, war correspondent for that publication, writes an article entitled "The Glory of War" in which he gives a survey of the war's effects as he has seen them in England, Belgium, France and on the edge of Germany. Following is an extract:
"Perhaps of all central Europe, Germany had least felt the wastage of this war; for, except in east Prussia, she has so far been uninvaded. Yet from end to end of Germany the factory doors are closed and the machinery stands immovable in grease, because the men are gone to war. From Aix to the Polish border, she is virtually producing nothing except the eternal war materials—which are waste because their end is wastage—and the few necessities, like shoes, which the stay-at-homes must have even in war time. Distribution has been pared to a minimum; the Government has been able to dispense with only enough railroad men to satisfy the most pressing needs. Of course, the fine side of life, the sportive side, has gone by the board, though the cafes and a few plays and cinema shows are still running, I believe, in Berlin and the other larger centers. A border city like Aix furnishes such a spectacle as history never saw before: One or two hotels are running half-force. There cooks and waiters are all old men. The rest are closed. Half the shops are closed. On the

streets you see no young men, save a policeman or a uniformed railroad official here and there. A few cabs hang round the station; they are manned by bent, gray-haired drivers. Down the streets files an eternal procession of women, carrying bundles home from shop or market."

Only a few more days until you will have to write it "1915."

The Bachelors Club is one of those organizations that can get the most fun out of a few hours. Every dancing party this crowd has given during the winter has been a complete success.

The Observer's holiday number was generally appreciated by the people of La Grande—whose appreciation count for more with us than circulation counts for more with us than family.

Beware of Cheap Substitutes.

In these days of keen competition it is important that the public should see that they get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and not take substitutes sold for the sake of extra profit. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has stood the test and been approved for more than forty years. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

This is a medicine intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. It is meeting with much success and rapidly gaining in favor and popularity. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Notice.
NOTICE OF THE RECORDER, of the City of La Grande, Oregon, of the assessment of Improvement District No. 97 of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of the west side of Walnut street, from the north curb line of Main Avenue to the south curb line of Washington Avenue, being district No. 97 of the City of La Grande, Oregon, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 806, Series 1914, "An Ordinance declaring the cost of improving the west side of Walnut street, from the north curb line of Main Avenue to the south curb line of Washington Avenue by grading the same to a proper subgrade and constructing thereon a standard five-foot concrete sidewalk, determining the property to be benefited thereby; levying an assessment thereon to defray the costs and expenses of said improvement; providing for an assessment roll for the same, and directing the entry of said assessment roll in the Docket of City Liens; providing a time when the same shall become delinquent; and requiring the City Recorder to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with the assessment devised herein; and to collect such assessment, the same being in improvement District No. 97 in said City of La Grande, Oregon, is now in my hands for collection and the same may be paid to me at any time within ten (10) days from the 21st day of Dec. 1914, without penalty, interest or cost; and each property owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned within ten (10) days from the 21st day of December 1914, which is the first date of the publication of this notice, they will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten (10) annual installments, the first installment thereof being due and payable on or before the 21st day of Dec. 1915. If application is not made as above specified, the whole amount is due, payable and will become delinquent on the 2nd day of Jan. 1915. The assessment roll is as follows:

OWNER	LOT	BLK	COST
Mrs. L. E. White,	E 1-2 of Lots 7 & 8	12	\$146.94
J. A. Whitby, . . .	9	12	54.43
L. D. Howland, . .	10	12	62.00
L. D. Howland, S. 16			
ft. of	11	12	22.15
Robert Eakin, N. 32			
ft. of	11	12	44.66
Robert Eakin, . . .	12	12	121.24
			\$450.42

By order of the Commission,
LEE WARNICK,
City Recorder.
—Adv. 12 21 5t.

WHERE LOVE CALLS.

Pendleton, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—What will not man dare for woman's smile? To what dangers will he not expose himself, what sacrifices will he not make under the spell and lure of the light that lies in milady's eyes?

To bask in the sunlight of Cleopatra's radiance. Anthony, the triumvir, madly threw a world away. To have fair Helen's smiles for himself alone, the Trojan Paris sealed the doom of his country. To bathe in the blushes of Hero for a few stolen moments, brave Leander nightly breasted the angry waves of the Hellespont until he found death among them. That Anne Boleyn might be the queen of his heart, bluff King Hal defied the papal power and, bringing man's madness down to modern times, we but lately saw Manuel of Portugal dethrone himself while entranced by the witchery of Gaby of the dance hall.

And yet these reckless deeds of love enmaddened swains are hardly less heroic than the feat performed last evening by a gallant gentleman of Pendleton. Can the mind of man or woman conceive of any greater test of lover's devotion than that he should bare his pedal phalanges to the chill of a wintery night and, with no more protection than a tender cuticle, tramp boldly around a snow and ice-bound block, and all because it was a woman's whim. If so speak out, and there is a woman who will ask it and a man who will perform it.

Last night when the mercury was flirting with the zero mark and most of the residents with the flames of the fireside, a well known young lady, and a pretty one withal, dared an equally well known young man to remove his shoes and hose and walk once around the block in which she lived. The man heard the challenge and looked into her eyes. What he saw there only he can tell but it made his heart laugh at hardships as he removed the raiment from his feet. With the blood singing in his veins with such warmth that it tempered the blasts of Jack Frost, he sallied forth with a snap of his fingers for the germs of pneumonia, diptheria and other beasts of prey that lurked within the frozen snow. Right merrily he held his course about the four corners of the block and he heeded not the curious stares of passersby. Though all about him was winter, it was summer within, and the barefoot boy of poetry had nothing on him for gladness.

Safely he reached the haven from which he started. Maybe his feet were numb as clods but no such admission came from his lips. His lady was awaiting him at the door and again he looked into her eyes and, as he had found his inspiration there, so also he found his reward. Sufficient unto the evening is the happiness thereof.

Don't Send Costly Gifts Says Pastor.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 23.—"We are all caught up in the great Christmas machine. We send expensive gifts to our friends every year because we feel sure they are going to send us expensive gifts. We can't get out of it."

This is the statement made by Rev. George E. Barnes, pastor of a local church and he proposes that savings from a safe and sane Christmas shall be used to buy things for the needy at home and abroad. Cards are being sent out today, therefore, with the following inscription:
"My Christmas Decision—Every Christmas season makes your friendship and mine more precious and our love more tender. This year the thought of that love has been bringing to me a new consciousness of the needs of the whole world for Christmas cheer and love. Desolate homes, stricken countries and imperiled lives abroad; slackened industry and impending sufferers at home, all are calling. I want you to know that my Christmas gift to you will be quite simple, but warmed with the fire of a new love, for I am going to give extra gifts to the needs of all those whom I have never seen but whom I deeply love. My joy in this new service will be greater if you join me in its spirit that our Christmas celebration may be kept simple, filled with good will, winged with sacrifice and devoted to peace."

STRAIGHTFORWARD TESTIMONY.

Many La Grande Citizens Have Profited By It.

If you have backache, urinary troubles, days of dizziness, headaches or nervousness, strike at the seat of the trouble. These are often the symptoms of weak kidneys and there is grave danger in delay. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney ailments — are endorsed by over 30,000 people. Your neighbors recommend this remedy — have proved its merit in many tests. La Grande readers should take fresh courage in the straightforward testimony of a La Grande citizen.

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Cove News.

(By Staff Correspondent.)
Mrs. Eyres and family have moved into their new home, which is among the nicest in this section of the country.

John Williams is at home from the O. A. C. for a visit during the holidays. He was a member of the stock judging team of the O. A. C. at the Portland Fat Stock Show.

David B. Connors has returned from his trip to California.

Friday afternoon, Cove High School was dismissed, and sixty two students in wagons, buggies and on horseback visited the skating pond. They left for their respective homes at five o'clock after having spent an enjoyable afternoon.

There has been sickness in the families of Geo. Jasper, David Boswell, Henry Chambers and N. Daron, the past week.

Pauline Geer was badly hurt while on the ice, this week. She was thrown from a sled.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church held an apron bazaar at the Maccabee hall Friday afternoon.

There will be Christmas trees and programs at both the Methodist and Baptist Churches Thursday night.

The thermometer reached the zero mark for two nights this week.

T. B. Johnson was a La Grande business visitor the latter part of the week.

J. B. Allen and Henry Lynch were La Grande visitors Friday.

Distress in the Stomach.

There are many people who have a distress in the stomach after meals. It is due to indigestion and easily remedied by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets after meals. Mrs. Henry Padghan, Victor, N. Y., writes: "For some time I was troubled with headache and distress in my stomach after eating, also with constipation. About six months ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. They regulated the action of my bowels and the headache and other annoyances ceased in a short time." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

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Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough

When you first catch a cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough), break it up at once. The idea that "it does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seemed to reach the very spot of my cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 50c at your Druggist.

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