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CURSING OR BLESSING:—Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.—Jeremiah 17: 5-7.

Parents who find difficulty answering questions about Santa's means of locomotion when snow is lacking will be especially thankful for the white Christmas in prospect.

Christmas offers an ideal opportunity for advertising the Oregon country to eastern people by sending gifts of famous Oregon products. John Dean's fancy prunes, recently displayed in the Chamber of Commerce window, beautiful Grande Ronde Valley apples from the Imbler district, and numerous other suggestions are at hand. It's unfortunate that some Stackland cherries can't be available at Christmas time to help tell the world about Union county attractions.

A LINK WITH TRAGIC PAST.

New dispatches telling of the critical illness of Charlotte, former empress of Mexico, recall the spectacular part in the tragic but romantic scene played by her and her husband, the unfortunate and ill-advised Maximilian. Maximilian came to a melancholy end before a firing squad in Mexico in 1867, and the news of her husband's death so unbalanced the mind of Charlotte that she has since lived in seclusion and has been known as the "mad empress."

As the archduke of Austria Maximilian in 1864 was made emperor of a new empire (mainly in name) in Mexico created by his brother, Emperor Francis Joseph I, of Austria, and Napoleon II, of France. Maximilian is believed to have been a puppet for his brother and the ambitious and fanciful Napoleon. Some historians believe Francis Joseph deliberately took this way of ridding himself of his brother and that Napoleon sacrificed him to his own ambitions.

For three years the Central American empire endured under the rule of Emperor Maximilian and the "moral support" of French garrisons in every Mexican town. Then suddenly Napoleon withdrew his troops and Maximilian was delivered into the hands of his "subjects." Charlotte made an impassioned appeal to the French monarch to save her husband and upon the refusal of her tragic prayer went mad. Three years of pomp and power in the New World cost an Austrian prince his life and an Austrian princess her mind.

Even though this royal pair courted their fate this democratic age still feels deeply the tragedy of their lives.



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Selecting a gift can be made as pleasant an experience as receiving one. Particularly when you choose from our stock of holiday writing paper. There is no gift more acceptable than Eaton's Highland Linen.

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OFFICE CAT
By Junius

To remember a girl's birthday is a mark of courtesy, but not to remember which one it is, is a mark of tact.

Nature is kind only to those who obey her laws.

"John is so thin; he looks just like a toothpick."

"Yes. He got that way from eating plumb streaks."

"The wind is blowing in the trees; it's time to pull that ancient wheeze of saying farewell to nee-voodes."

FATHERS A. B. C'S
They sow their P's.
And live their B's.
Shear their U's.
Shoot their J's.
Feed their N's.
Then take their F's.

Peggy—"Does your husband talk in his sleep?"

Polly—"No it's awfully exasperating. He only smiles."

It's dangerous to make love to another man's wife; but it's more dangerous to make love to his widow.

Don't blame a man for being dignified. The less a doctor knows, the more Latin he must use.

A college confers a sheepskin; but the school of experience tears off a couple of yards of human hide.

If there is anything more humiliating to a girl than blushing when she shouldn't, it's not blushing when she should.

"I'd like to be cremated, but I'm sure my wife wouldn't like it."

"Why not?"

"She's always complaining about my leaving my ashes around."

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY
A sign is now being built by the bureau fifty-five feet by three and one-half feet, inscribed, Charleston Welcomes You to be hung from the steel girders inside the gates at the union station.—Charleston, S. C. News and Courier.

Early to bed and early to rise and the world will list you among the daisies.

Obituary

W. D. EMELE.

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—W. D. Emele, 84, died at 11:35 Friday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Hall, 2569 Auburn avenue, after an illness of six months.

Mr. Emele was born in Iowa on February 11, 1841, and came to Baker in September of 1876, after crossing the plains to California in 1875, residing here on his Powder river farm ever since.

Surviving him are three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Pope and Mrs. John Hall of Baker; Mrs. J. M. Dean of Keating; two sons, Elmer Emele of Baker and Ben Emele of Haines; six half-brothers, George, Lyman, Charles, Dunham, Amos and Justus Wright; and two sisters, Mrs. Electra Ward of Greenacres, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Jameson of La Grande.

ELLA A. GREENOUGH.

COVE (Special)—After a long and painful illness the death of Mrs. Ella A. Greenough occurred at her home here Wednesday evening, Ella Augusta Flowers was born in Clark county, Missouri, June 11, 1858. In 1879 she was married to

Fishing Center. Six children were born to them, five of whom survive: John O. Rutter, of Baker; Mrs. Bertha Bloom, of Canada; W. A. and A. G. Rutter, of Hildrewood, Washington and Paul Rutter, of Portland. The family came west in 1886. In 1912 Mrs. Rutter was again married to F. M. Greenough at Enterprise, Oregon. They have made their home at Cove for a number of years. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Saturday and interment was made in the Rode Ridge cemetery.

FIRST DAY OF WINTER WHITE ONE

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who wear the crown of authority, winter actually began at 9:37 a. m. Pacific coast standard time, which is just about the time the snow storm had piled up five inches.

Besides being the beginning of

winter today is also the shortest day of the year. La Grande, which is near the 45° north latitude line, would have but 5 hours and 44 minutes of sunshine today if the sun was shining and if on a level plain. The surrounding mountains, however, cut down the length of the day considerably making today nearer eight hours in length. Tomorrow the sun will start moving north and the days will begin to get longer.

SNOW IS GENERAL

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Inclement weather prevailed over most of the state over the week end.

Portland had 2.77 inches of rain, the heaviest in four years. The Dalles recorded four inches of snow recording electric light service. Farmers declare the snow will benefit wheat, covering the fields at a time when heavy frosts are feared. Baker reported six inches of snow.

BRITISHERS SCORED IN CONGRESS
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tion altogether, it was disclosed authoritatively today.

There is no thought of resorting to an "unofficial" observer, as a means of cooperating with the league.

MAY IMPROVE HARBOR.
WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Extensive improvements to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, including berthing space for 16 battleships was recommended today to the house committee on naval affairs by Representative Stephens, Republican, of Ohio, senior member of a special congressional committee that visited the islands last summer.



OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:30 CHRISTMAS EVE ONLY

DRESSES

Of course she would appreciate a dress, what woman wouldn't? We have the most complete stock of nationally-known dresses in town—Mme. Reunald, Redfern, Irene Castle and College Princess in the season's smartest styles and materials with trimmings in keeping with every garment.

\$10.75 to \$65.00

SILK GOWNS

Of radium silk, crepe de chine and tresseau crepe. In shades of peach, orchid, green, flesh and blue, all gowns are nicely finished and beautifully trimmed, with laces, ribbons and flowers.

\$5.75 to \$16.75

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In gift boxes of Step-ins and Vests of tailored and fancier sets in crepe de chine, radium and glove silk, in all colors. These are dainty creations that every woman would cherish. All beautifully trimmed.

\$3.55 to \$5.25

SILK STEP-INS

In a number of attractive styles and dainty colors of crepes, both radium and tresseau. All are lavishly trimmed with lace yokes and insertions of contrasting color. All sizes.

\$2.25 to \$4.95

FURS

Chokers and Scarfs in the newer styles of Fox, Opossum and Squirrel. These are all fine quality furs nicely tanned and beautifully finished. A good fur if properly taken care of is a life-time gift.

\$7.75 to \$62.50

UMBRELLAS

In Fashion's smartest styles and colors of plaids, stripes and checks with fancy carved wood and molded celluloid handles, with cords to match. These come in 12 and 16-rib models.

\$3.50 to \$15.00

BATHROBES

Oregon City, Pendleton and Beacon Flannelette Robes in a wide variety of colors, styles and materials. A bathrobe is a gift that will please this Xmas and many more to come. Beautiful colorings and trimmings of silk, silk cords and frogs. These are all warm, comfortable, nicely-finished robes.

\$4.75 to \$25.00

BREAKFAST ROBES

Of quilted satin in a number of colors, all beautifully finished with fastenings and trimmings. She is sure to be pleased with one of these robes and she will marvel at the warmth these robes will afford these cold mornings. A large assortment of Breakfast Caps and Bandeaux to match these robes, moderately priced.

\$10.50 to \$16.75

CORDUROY ROBES

In all colors of the rainbow and in a number of pleasing styles with both satin and corduroy collars. This is a most practical and useful gift and is sure to commend appreciation.

\$3.50 to \$10.50

SWEATERS

Plain and fancy Knit Sweaters of coat and slip-on styles in gay colors of tan, blues and reds with contrasting colored collars and cuffs. All sizes. Also the new turtle-neck styles so popular now.

\$3.50 to \$8.50

BOUDOIR LAMPS

In a number of novel styles, all nicely trimmed, in several colors, complete with cord. These lamps make appreciated gifts to your more intimate friends.

\$3.25 to \$6.90

BAGS And CASES

Many new styles are here for your choosing, in patent, sheepskin, pin seal, and many imitation leathers, in fitted and box case styles. Also a variety of beaded and steel-cut bags of new design.

\$2.50 to \$37.50

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In lovely gift boxes of one or two towels with Wash Cloth to match, in a number of pretty patterns and colors. Some are beautifully embroidered.

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The Appreciated Gift

What would be more appropriate than a beautiful box of Hosiery—Phoenix, Kayser or La France? We have for your Holiday selection an extra large stock of Holiday Hosiery. Every weight, from the sheer chiffon to the heavier drop stitch and plaid sport hose. And colors—all of the popular costume shades so much in demand today.

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\$1.00 to \$2.95

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Famous Daniel Green Comfies in satin, kid and felt, in all colors, with padded and all-leather soles and heels.

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than is actually warranted. And that is an innumerable rather than a help. What I hope is that I may stay out of that artificial light and may have a chance to accomplish what actually is in me—if anything. I don't want to 'circus' this thing, but to do real work."

GRASS FIRE NEAR MILL

KLAMATH FALLS—Fanned by a high wind, a grass and tule fire swept across the territory between the Shasta View Lumber company and the Ewauna and Big Lakes plants and gave rise to a widespread report that one of the above mills was on fire.

It burned over several hundred acres and this afternoon was believed to have burned itself out, although some danger was still said to exist. The Shasta View

mill, near which the fire broke out, is protected by ditches and railroad grades and shut off from direct contact with the flames.

SHOP LIFTER REPENTS

SALEM, Ore.—A Portland girl, whose conscience apparently was

stimulated by conversion, sent a check to K. Director of Salem covering the cost of articles which she said she stole from his department store in Dallas two years ago.

The girl requested that her name be withheld from publication.

Xmas Cakes -- Plum Puddings

Old English Style. Together with our usual large variety of Cakes, Pies, Cookies, etc. If you have not tried our Apple Sauce Cake you have missed a real treat. Make your Xmas dinner complete by serving Golden Crust Bread. Golden Crust Products spells Quality.

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