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THOSE of our readers who have not paid their subscriptions, and who intend doing so before January 1st, have only a couple of days left. We are anxious to have you fix up before that date—and you are—ought to be—more anxious than we are.

Will Not Convene Until January 8th.

The January term of the county board will not convene for business until Monday, January 8, 1900. Wm. S. CROWELL, County Judge. December 28, 1899.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Methodist church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, and the two trees ablaze with lights and loaded with gifts was indeed a pleasant sight. The literary programme consisted of an exercise entitled "Spread Wide the News," which was well rendered and received many compliments from those who were qualified to judge of its merits. A duet by D. T. Lawton and Miss Myrtle Lawton was worthy of special mention, being well received by the large congregation. The gifts were appropriate and the little ones seemed to be universally remembered by Santa Claus.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Christmas tree exercises at the Baptist Church opened with a song by the audience and prayer by Rev. J. Merley. The program was a very pleasing one and was presented entirely by the children of the Sunday school. The main feature of the whole program was to bring to the minds of the little ones the reasons for celebrating the day. There were over 200 children who received presents—double the usual number. Many poor families were also kindly remembered. A well filled purse was a gift to the pastor. About 300 people were present and many went away, being unable to find seats. The church was beautifully decorated, while at one side stood the large Christmas tree, loaded to its fullest capacity with presents.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

On Christmas evening at the Christian Church, the children of the Sunday school rendered their program. "The Prince of Peace," to the delight of an audience which thoroughly filled the house. So well acquainted was each one with his part that no prompting was needed. Perhaps the most amusing feature of the exercises, especially to the juvenile part of the audience, was Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at home and afterwards before the children. It seems that this famous couple are of small stature, corresponding with the average child of ten or twelve years. After the fruit was plucked from two very beautiful trees and distributed, in which distribution each child and young person of the school was handsomely remembered, with arms full of presents and faces beaming with joy the children sang "Glory to God in the Highest." Truly the evening's entertainment was an exhibition of "peace and good will."

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Christmas exercises at this church drew a crowded house, some being turned away for want of standing room. The program was opened with a brief devotional service and then the Santa Claus Cantata consisting of three scenes was rendered as follows: Scene First. The children were engaged in a lively snowball match as the curtain arose. Then they sang about Christmas and holidays and about Santa Claus. Some were doubtful, others believed that "Old St. Nick" would come, and just then they did see him coming down the road. They all hid except little "Tottie," who bravely asked if the intruder was Santa Claus. Then all the children rushed out and asked for all sorts of presents and for a song. Santa Claus sang a song and mentioned his workshop under the ground. Then the children wanted to see it and were promised the privilege as soon as Santa had visited a poor family in another part of town. Scene Second. The poor family were

grouped around the fireplace on Christmas eve relating the old story of the birth of Christ, and telling about Christmas and its joys, in song and story. A choir of Angels chimed in with several Christmas anthems, and then before retiring the children were left to hang up their stockings. The mother permitted this though she doubted whether Santa would have any presents left by the time he arrived at their home. However, Santa Claus came down the chimney and filled all the stockings, but was driven away by the sleepless children who returned to see if Santa Claus had yet arrived. Third Scene. When the curtain arose the "Brownies" were busy at work making dolls and toys in Santa Claus' workshop under the ground. They were singing as they toiled, their hammers and tools keeping time to their songs. Santa Claus then arrived with the visiting children and asked his workers to show him the toys they made and to sing them some "Brownie songs." This they did to the great delight of the visitors. Then Santa asked the children to tell the "workers" about Christmas above ground as they never had seen one, and then as a finale all united in a song greeting every body with "Merry Merry Christmas." The program was carried through without a hitch, the children doing exceptionally well, and singing and speaking so that everyone in the house could understand. Messrs. Erford and Butler interested the audience with violin duets during the intermissions between the scenes. The program was usefully decorated by the young people and the finest and largest Christmas tree this church ever had was laden with gifts and candies which were distributed at the close of the program.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

Christmas exercises were held at this church Monday evening. A program was rendered by the children consisting of songs and recitations. The church was neatly decorated for the occasion. A part of the decoration, and that which was very attractive to the children, was a small house in a grove of small evergreen trees. The roof had the appearance of being covered with snow. In the house and lodged in the trees around it, was found something for each of the children of the Sunday school, also presents for a number of older ones.

The exercises were opened with song and prayer. The program consisted of songs and recitations by the children, and the distribution by Geo. Grizzle and a number of children whom he had selected for his assistants. We think all present spent a pleasant evening, and the children seemed especially delighted with all the exercises of the hour.

—Rev. W. B. Moore was at Ashland yesterday, and Mrs. Moore is visiting Jacksonville friends.

—Misses Edith Nicholson and Edith Webb went up to Ashland yesterday to attend the Choral Union concert.

—Mrs. E. V. Sticksels enjoyed Christmas with her husband, at Hornbrook, Calif., at which place he is putting down a considerable amount of cut stone sidewalk.

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SHELL GAME GOES TO WAR.

The Smooth and Resourceful Green Goods Man Preys on the Would-Be Recruit.

"Excuse me, young man, but you have quite a military appearance—must have drilled some in your time?"

The young man, who had been accosted in State street by a gray-haired man well decorated with patriotic badges, threw back his head and shoulders, inflated his lungs and assumed a decidedly martial air, as almost anyone will do under like circumstances, says the Chicago Chronicle.

"I've been put through a few movements," he replied.

"Thought so; I know a born soldier on sight. You must be high six feet," was the reply.

"Five-eleven."

"You're within the limit—want to go to the front?"

"Yes, but there's no chance."

"There ain't? I've orders to send an even hundred picked men to Springfield to take the place of a lot that have been rejected. I'm just one shy; will you be the man?"

"All right; I'm dying to go."

"Meet us at the Palmer house in half an hour. Lend me one dollar to telegraph Tanner, will you? Thanks. Don't be a minute late."

The young man was not late, but he has not yet found the governor's confidential agent, and advises youthful patriots to look out for a tall old fellow with a drooping white mustache who talks about military appearances and is anxious to telegraph Gov. Tanner.

Evading the Rule.

One of the regulations at the new Congressional library in Washington is that visitors must carry no parcels into the building. So says the Post, of that city, and then goes on to relate an amusing occurrence: A rather tall, broad-shouldered young woman arrived at the door of the library, having in her hand a neat brown paper package. "No bundles are allowed inside the building," said the attendant. "You must leave it here till you come out." The young woman objected. The man said it was the rule. The young woman said it was absurd. The man was firm. He must obey orders. The young woman hesitated; then she undid the parcel, hung several pairs of black hose over her arm, handed the man the paper, and said: "There, you may keep that until I come out."

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SHAKEN UP BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—At 4:25 o'clock this morning a severe earthquake shock was felt over a large portion of Southern California. The undulations lasted about 12 seconds. The entire center of the shock appears to have been at San Jacinto, a small town in Riverside county. The business portion of San Jacinto consists of two blocks of two-story buildings, some of which are built of brick. Ten or more of these buildings were damaged, chimneys being toppled over and walls cracked and shaken. The total damage at San Jacinto and Hemet, a small town near by, is estimated at \$50,000. The large tourist hotel at Hemet was damaged and the hospital at San Jacinto also suffered. The shock was heavy at Santa Ana, Anaheim, San Bernardino, Riverside and other localities, but no particular damage has been reported, except from San Jacinto and Hemet.

GEN. YOUNG'S APPOINTMENT.

MANILA, Dec. 27, 9 A. M.—Gen. S. B. M. Young has been appointed military governor of the provinces of North-western Luzon, with headquarters at Vigan. His command includes the Twenty-third infantry, under Col. Luther R. Hare, and the Third cavalry. He will establish permanent stations at San Fernando and Laoag, with outposts wherever they may prove necessary.

The Sixteenth infantry will proceed to Aparri, garrisoning such towns as may be deemed necessary in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabella and Neuva Viscaya, of which Col. Hood has been appointed military governor.

Gen. Young and Col. Hood are establishing municipal governments, and the ports in northern Luzon will be opened for trade on or about January 1st.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston, of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acted like magic with me. My foot was swollen and painful me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by Strang, the druggist. Well Known in Medford.

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LIVE MAN'S FUNERAL.

A Japanese Who Saw That Everything Was Done Decently Before He Died.

A curious incident is related by the Japanese papers. Mr. Kumekawa, of Kobe, like every other intelligent Japanese, desired that his funeral should be attended by ceremonies appropriate to his rank and social position, and in order that he might not be disappointed in this respect, having reached his seventy-seventh year, and feeling that his days were numbered, he determined to have his funeral in advance and make the arrangements himself. Therefore on the day appointed his relatives and friends were invited to his house and gathered around an empty coffin with all the paraphernalia of mourning and engaged in the most elaborate Buddhist ceremony that could be devised. Mr. Kumekawa sat at the head of the casket and watched with interest all that was going on.

After the ceremonies at the house were concluded a procession was formed, which marched through the principal streets to the cemetery. Mr. Kumekawa walked in front of his own coffin. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The Kobe city band led the procession and played modern airs, while at intervals were groups of dancing girls and members of the theatrical profession, who performed pantomime allegories to illustrate the nobility of Mr. Kumekawa's character and the loss that was suffered by the community at his death. Just before reaching the gates of the cemetery the procession was halted and several photographs were taken. After the coffin had been lowered into the grave and covered with floral offerings the funeral party proceeded to the Jinko club, where an elaborate feast was served, and speeches eulogistic of Mr. Kumekawa were delivered by several of his friends.

Mr. Kumekawa was thoroughly satisfied with the success of his funeral, although it cost him a large sum of money, and he may now depart in peace, knowing that all the rites have been observed, and when he dies it is only necessary for his family to place his body in the coffin that lies in the ground.—Chicago Record.

INDIAN CENTENARIANS.

Three Whose Combined Ages Reach Two Hundred and Ninety-Nine Years.

There can be no doubt that the three oldest sisters in the United States—possibly in the whole world—are some Indian women in San Diego county, in southern California. The women are Sem-ul-lah (meaning peaceful), Ning-lio (meaning black-eyed) and Tem-mec-al (meaning sharp at a bargain). Their combined ages are 299 years. Sem-ul-lah is the eldest; she was 103 years old last June. Ning-lio is 100 and Tem-mec-al is the juvenile of the trio. She was 96 some time last summer. They are remnants of the Salonta tribe, who were a part of the thousands of friendly savages known in California as the Mission Indians, from the fact that they voluntarily went under the fostering care of the Franciscan missionaries in the latter part of the eighteenth century and gave their children to the missionaries for instruction. These old women are able to speak a few words in English, but their talk is a jargon of Spanish and Indian. Each of them has several score of descendants, says the San Francisco Call.

There is not the least doubt among the people in southern California who have given any attention to these uncommonly old sisters as to their ages. That is a matter of record in the dusty old registers in the archives of the mission at San Gabriel, in Los Angeles county; also in a church census taken in 1810 and now in the mission of Guadalupe, at the City of Mexico, where nearly all the records of the California missions were taken upon disestablishment of the Roman Catholic missions in 1832. There is a record of the baptism of Ramon Agullan, a Saboba Indian, under the charge of the mission at San Diego. The record shows that Ramon was the father of 14 children. The first was born in May, 1780. Sem-ul-lah was born in 1794 and Ning-lio was the seventh child and born in 1799, while little Tem-mec-al came in 1801.

THE BISHOP'S "LADY."

From the Traveling Bag the Porter Thought That He Had Left Her Behind.

Bishop Huntington once went down to a town in Connecticut to perform a marriage ceremony, which had a ludicrous finale for him, says the Washington Post. He arrived the day before the wedding, and he left at the same time the bridal pair did, although he was driven to a different railway station. As he passed through the station, carrying his traveling bag, he was creating a sensation, but was totally at a loss to account for it. In the car he found that he was still the object of amused attention. The porter positively snickered as he passed his seat, and finally just as the train drew out he came up and assisted the churchman to remove his overcoat.

"What is the matter with you, my man?" asked the bishop. The porter's snicker broadened into a laugh.

"Ain't you done lef' the lady, sah?" he chuckled.

"Eh?" exclaimed the bishop in surprise. Then his eye fell on the side of his traveling bag, which the porter had just turned round. There, glued to it, was a wide strip of white satin ribbon, on which was painted in large letters:

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The facetiously minded best man had mistaken the bishop's traveling bag for that of the bridegroom, and a chuckling black porter worked late into the night removing that ribbon.

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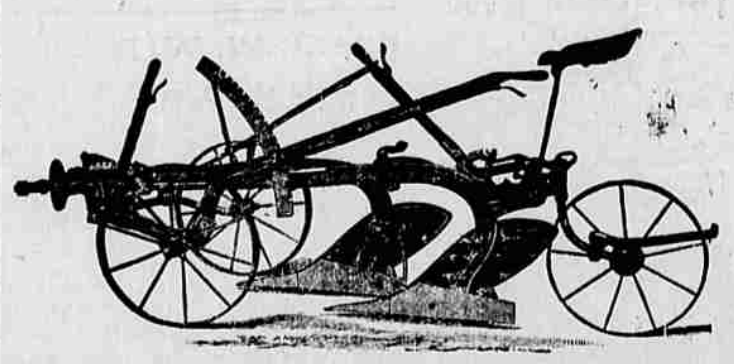
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