

STORES DON GAY HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Christmas Finds Merchants Doing Rushing Business--Windows and Rooms Well Trimmed

Merry Christmas is almost here. One has only to glance at the handsomely decorated store windows and the yet more elaborately decorated stores' interiors to see that the festive season is here in all of its glory.

CITIZENS OF MEDFORD AS WITNESSES

Many Business Men Subpoenaed in Railroad Hearing at Portland Tomorrow.

The following Medford citizens and business men have been summoned to Portland to appear before the railroad commission Saturday, December 21, to testify in the case of the people vs. the Southern Pacific Railroad company in the matter of the taking off of trains Nos. 11 and 12: C. R. Ray, H. U. Lumsden, J. A. Perry, J. F. Reddy, A. E. Welch, Earl Gaddis, J. D. Olwell, J. E. Eynart, F. J. McMahon, J. D. Heard, J. M. Keene, A. S. Rosenbaum, and A. A. Davis.

WITHDRAW ARMY FROM GOLDFIELD

President Directs Troops to Leave Nevada at End of Month -- Investigate Only One Side

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The president has directed the withdrawal of the United States troops stationed at Goldfield, Nev., on Monday, December 30 next.

PISTOL ENDS OLD ROMANCE FOR LOVERS

Former Sweetheart Returns to Court Woman He Quarreled With--Kills Her and Himself.

OLATHE, Kan., Dec. 20.—Olive Bartlett, daughter of J. J. Bartlett, retired farmer, was shot and killed at her home here last night by J. Frederick Kastendiek, her former sweetheart, who then killed himself.

BANKERS TO ANSWER IN COURT

San Francisco Capitalists Requested Upon Indictments Returned by Grand Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Charges of embezzlement against J. Dalzell Brown, former general manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, and W. J. Barnett, former director of the same institution, contained in the complaint of Crittenden Thornton, representative of the Colton estate, were dismissed today by Judge Dunn.

TO WIND UP AFFAIRS OF FAILED BANK

Assets Will be Sold and Purchasers Pay Remaining Liabilities States Reames.

There is every prospect that the affairs of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank will be wound up in the near future," said District Attorney A. E. Reames, who has returned from a protracted stay in Portland, where he has been aiding in straightening out the affairs of the bank.

LATE LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

A. D. Singler, resident agent for Eilers Piano House and the Singer Sewing Machine company, has established headquarters in Wilson's second-hand store on Seventh street.

AMERICAN AND JAPAN FRIENDS AT BANQUETS

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—American Ambassador Thomas O'Brien was the guest of honor at a banquet last night of the American Friends association, of which Count Kaneko, head of the movement for an international exposition to be held here in 1912, was the principal speaker.

HOW REMME GOT COIN FROM OREGON'S FIRST BANK

A letter from Thomas B. Merry of Los Angeles to the Journal tells of the first bank in Oregon as follows: "You are palpably in error when you state that W. J. Ladd started the first bank in Portland. It is a matter of history that when the San Francisco bank failure of February 19 and 26, 1855, came, a cattleman named Louis Remme, living near Jacksonville, had \$15,000 on deposit in Adams & company's bank at Portland.

MARKET IN ORIENT FOR OREGON APPLES

There is a market in the orient for all the good and late-keeping apples that can be produced in the state, states W. B. Glafke, the commission merchant and pioneer shipper of American apples to that part of the world in the Telegram.

PUBLIC SHUT OUT OF GERMAN SCANDAL

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Prince Philip zu Eulenberg and Frau Elbe, the divorced wife of General Count Rudo von Moltke, and her mother, Frau von Heyden, testified in private at today's hearing of the Harden-von Moltke libel suit, the court having decided that the interests of public morality required the exclusion of all persons not immediately connected with the case.

HUME NO LONGER KING OF ROGUE RIVER

The Oregon supreme court has rendered the following decision: R. D. Hume, appellant, vs. Nellie F. Burns, administratrix, and 27 others, respondents, appeal from Curry county. Hon. J. W. Hamilton, judge; affirmed. Opinion by Slater, C.

NEVILLE CORSE-EXAMINED IN PETTIBONE TRIAL

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 20.—Cross-examination of young Neville was continued by Attorney Wilson at this morning's session of the Pettibone trial. Nothing of particular interest was brought out. Neville said that he had never told the Dickersons what he could testify to, and on redress examination said he had told his entire story to Senator Kern for the first time two days ago.

PROMOTE COLONEL JACKSON TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL

Colonel James Jackson, retired cavalry officer, at present attached to the Oregon national guard as inspector general, is to be promoted to the rank of brigadier-general, if the passage of an act now before congress is effected.

JOHN MITCHELL TAKEN SERIOUSLY ILL AGAIN

Dec. 20.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine workers of America, was taken seriously ill today while attending a meeting at the Hotel Claywood. He was taken to a room, completing a course of treatment, but his condition is not yet satisfactory.