



Christmas Greetings to All Santa Claus says:

"These are the Best"

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| <p>CASSEROLES O, what joy! Mother, wife or sister will feel an added pleasure in preparing the Christmas dinner if she can bring one of our beautiful casseroles to the table filled with some tempting viand. We have just what you want in size and style. A practical gift.</p> | <p>CARVING SETS Father will not mind carving the Christmas turkey if he is presented with one of our excellent carving sets. Make the day pleasant for him and make carving a delight to him for many years to come by purchasing one of these sets.</p> | <p>SILVERWARE For Holiday giving nothing can please more or is more lasting than silverware. An otherwise perfectly appointed table will be spoiled if the silver service is not complete. We have a variety of "Community" and plate ware attractively boxed. Remember gifts are not complete unless properly boxed.</p> |
| <p>PYREX The gift ideal for the housewife—because it makes baking such a pleasure. She will hardly know which to admire more, its unusual efficiency or its attractiveness and tempting quality it adds to food so baked and served. Pyrex will not crack, chip or craze when used in the hottest oven, holds heat and saves fuel. All wanted pieces here in Pyrex!</p> | <p>ROASTERS Just the time to buy a roaster. We have a most complete line. Some self basting, fitted with top pan to collect moisture, also steam vents to permit even browning. Thoroughly satisfactory, all sizes, medium priced.</p> | <p>RAZORS Shaving day will be the happiest day of all if you buy one of our Keen Kutter safety razors. No better. You know how you feel when you are forced to sit and wait for the other fellow to do the job for you. Eliminate that worry. Buy one for Christmas.</p> |
| <p>GUNS, WAGONS, ETC. Ho, Boys! Here are your coaster wagons, roller skates, guns, etc. Santa Claus says this will be the best and merriest Christmas you ever had. A flashlight makes an excellent gift.</p> | <p>AEROLITE LAMPS Will brighten the home for Christmas. Especially those not electrically equipped should not fail to purchase our lamps before the holidays. They will add to the appearance of your home out of all proportion to the cost. Don't fail to buy an Aerolite.</p> | <p>POCKET KNIVES "Boys will be boys" and they all want knives. Men, too, are just "grown up boys" and want knives and need them too. Cheery gifts make a merry Christmas. All our knives were made in America with Santa's approval.</p> |

Craven & Huff Hardware Company

SOUTH POLK COUNTY ROLL OF HONOR
Killed
JOE CLARK
ROY JOHNSON
JASON A. ARRELL
Died in the Service
JOHN O. NASH
Severely Wounded
HARRY H. STALNAKER
ARMIN D. YOUNG
CYRIL R. RICHARDSON
Prisoner of War
LIEUT. RALF A. FLOYD

CITY AND COUNTRY

All kinds of games at Craven & Walker's.
Buy all the little ones something at Quartier's.
Gifts that will be appreciated at Craven & Huff's.
Fill up the Christmas stocking at the Williams Drug Co.
Just received a nice line of framed pictures which make nice Christmas presents. Moore & Walker.

Word Butler made a business trip to Walla Walla last week.
Mrs. Clark Graves is a very efficient saleslady at Quartier's.
K. C. Eldridge, Jr., has been recommended for overseas work.
Miss Florence Burton visited friends in Philomath this week.
Buy your Christmas candles, nuts and fruit at McIntosh's grocery.
The Frank Smith's have installed a piano in their home for Christmas.
Mrs. Olen Whiteaker has resigned as principal of the Perrydale schools.
A large assortment of dolls and doll buggies at Craven & Walker's.
Shalor Eldridge has been promoted and is now a second class yeoman.
Swan, Johnson of Portland and Miss Nora E. Burbank of Airlie were licensed to wed at Vancouver Tuesday.
Why not an easy rocking chair for a Christmas present? Moore & Walker have a good line to select

from.
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Drexel were to have been hosts to the Owl Club Monday evening but owing to the "flu" ban the gathering was abandoned.
H. Hirschberg has been elected one of the directors of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce recently organized and a member of the Executive committee.
The Singer Sewing Machine Co. of Salem does the best of hemstitching at ten cents per yard. All work guaranteed. Leave work at the office of The Polk County Post.
The Kill Kares were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. Mattison last Friday evening. This was the initial meeting of the season and this group of 500 enthusiasts thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.
The Civic Club will appreciate any garments for babies and children that you may have and are not needing. The Club can use them where they will serve a good cause and be very much appreciated. Look over your clothing today and if you have anything of this kind leave it at the Library. An early response will be appreciated.

LEATHER GOODS
Splendid Gifts for Men
Bill Books
Letter Books
Card Cases
Bill and Coin Purses
Hip Books
WILLIAMS DRUG COMPANY

Oregon News Notes Of General Interest

The general staff of the Oregon militia has authorized preparation of plans for the new armory at Marshfield for which the last legislature made an appropriation of \$20,000. Coos county furnishes about half of the cost, which is not to exceed \$40,000.
Prospective peace is not reflected by declines in prices for state supplies, as indicated by a survey of the bids made for the next six months for state institutions. Indications are that the first quarter of the coming biennium will see current expenses of state government higher than ever before.
Linn county will secure nine miles of paved road next summer, according to plans being developed by the state highway commission and the county court. The stretch to be paved is that portion of the Pacific highway extending from Albany northward to the Santiam river at Jefferson, the boundary between Linn and Marion counties.
At the direction of Secretary of State Olcott, who is custodian of the state capitol building and grounds, a shipment of flowers from the grounds has been sent to Captain J. A. Buchanan, commandant at Fort Columbia, for the purpose of beautifying the grounds. In the shipment are 500 Caroline Test-rose cuttings, 50 rose bushes and 300 dahlia bulbs.
Six counties of eastern Oregon are to meet in a district conference and centenary institute at La Grande December 18 and 19, to inaugurate the movement known as the joint centenary campaign, designed to meet the new demand made upon the church for Christian leadership in all parts of the world by the rapid advance of democratic ideals.
Use of the Oregon Blue Book for the purpose of instructing aliens who wish to become naturalized is recommended in a letter received by Secretary Olcott from John Speed Smith, chief naturalization examiner at Seattle, who says he is highly impressed with the advantages which the Blue Book could be put to as a textbook for use in the public schools in citizenship classes.
George Holbrook, a miner, was shot and killed at Homestead by Thomas Adams, owner of the Imnaha mine at that place. Adams, according to report, intervened in a dispute between Holbrook and his former wife, from whom he was divorced in June. When Holbrook threatened her with a gun Adams shot him, it was said. Both Adams and the women are held by the authorities.
Unless farmers show more interest in agricultural lime and place orders for the product being turned out by the state lime plant at Gold Hill, it will be necessary to shut down the plant very soon. This conclusion was reached Friday at a meeting of the state lime board, when it was decided to employ salesmen to go out among the farmers and find out if the lime product can be sold.
The largest annual programme of road construction ever presented by the state highway commission was drafted at a session of the commissioners in Portland, covering practically every district in Oregon and calling for an estimated expenditure of \$3,525,200. The commission ordered State Engineer Herbert Nunn to prepare the projects for bids, which will be opened at subsequent sessions. Several bids are expected to be ready for consideration at the next meeting of the commission, which is set for January 7, 1919.
Recording of mineral filings on 100 acres of land in Columbia county,

made at St. Helens, discloses the opening up to production of a deposit of iron ore that it is believed may become of great importance in development of steel industries in the Pacific northwest. C. A. Finley, of Portland, made the filings and admitted that investigation extending over several months had revealed that a very large deposit of hematite of iron exists. It is declared to be of a desirable character, easily worked and can be loaded on cars with a steam shovel.
During the week ending December 12 five fatal accidents out of a total of 510 industrial casualties were reported to the state accident commission. The fatal cases were: Ira Calvert, Toledo, lumbering; Elmer E. James, Deer Island, logging; Axel Hammerback, Klamath Falls, logging; Eli Jacobsen, Klamath Falls, logging; John W. Lee, Portland, electrician. In addition one death was reported due to an accident taking place prior to the past week, that of Thomas H. Matthews, of Portland, injured on October 15 while engaged in shipbuilding.
State Engineer Copper plans to draft a bill for submission to the next state legislature providing for the abolition of the office of water superintendent for Water Division No. 1. The state engineer was elected to that office at the last general election and will qualify for it and then resign. When his appointment was made it was understood that he would undertake to handle the duties for both the office of state engineer and superintendent of the water division on the west side of the Cascades. By doubling up the offices the salary of \$2400 a year for the division superintendent is eliminated, as well as some of the expenses in connection with that office.

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP; MERE MAN VS. FRIEND WIFE
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wife hasn't time to cook. She's entered in the Christmas handicap. You talk about the six-day races where fellows ride around and around until they drop dead or go nuts! Why, the Christmas handicap has that kind of an endurance race skun a mile!
"My wife gives one hundred and eleven presents on December 24 and 25. The race is between her and Christmas, and, believe me, Christmas is coming along pretty fast when it comes to the last lap of the race during December. But my wife is coming along pretty rapidly, too. Take it from me, those needles of hers click so fast that they sound like fifty revolutions to the minute, and she hits on all six, too, and she leaves a string of pink and blue double bowknots, kuletets, picos and fourrets in the wake of those needles that would astonish you!
"Tick, tick," says the clock, and "tickety, tickety, tick, tick," says the needle and there's a pair of embroidered socks, an embroidered handkerchief or a foot towel, a sweater, a cap, a dolly, a lamp shade, a photo holder or most any old thing.
"Bingo! It's December 22! Bingo, bingo, bingo-o-o, go the knitting needles and crochet hooks and the tating shuttles, leaving a string of garments in their wake.
"December 23 jumps up on the calendar, and whizz! bang! zipp! go the needles, the paint brushes, the branding irons and the stencils. And swish, swish! on comes the scenery, the menagerie, or whatever she has to evolve.
"December 24 swings into the stretch. Now Christmas is here. They approach the wire.
"Now, I don't know whether my wife has worked all night or not, but she has brought her string pretty well up abreast of the times. But some of these presents have to be delivered. My wife grabs a handful of them and starts out to deliver them. None of them is finished yet, but she finishes them on the way.
"Clang, clang! goes the street car. Buzz-zz! goes the current and away we go! But bib, bib, bob go the finishing touches on the presents. My wife arrives at a place where a present is to be delivered and rings the bell. Bip, bip, bip, bip go the needles. Five yards to make and the maid is on the way to the door.
"Creak-k! The servant opens the door. Swish-h! the present is completed. Thud! My wife drops it into the box. Swish, in goes my wife's card, and rattle, on goes some hollydied wrapping paper and my wife wins by an eyelash!"

BUENA VISTA
N. C. Anderson finished his machine shed this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hale are spending a few days at Seattle.
G. A. Wells delivered a load of fat hogs at Independence Tuesday.
Mrs. N. C. Anderson spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Cole, at Monmouth.

The school children are enjoying the play shed recently finished by the school board.
M. V. Prather and Mrs. Ed Prather called on H. T. Hill and wife Sunday at Monmouth.

The farmers here have been fixing up their telephone line that has been down since the electric storm.
Mrs. H. Knighton returned from Salem where she had been caring for her daughter, Mrs. Clarke.

G. A. Wells attended the stock show at Portland and purchased three fine heifers paying \$250 a head.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. J. K. Neal last Friday and held a business meeting.

Mrs. E. J. Anderson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. I. Conger, at Suver, returned to her home Tuesday.

The Ladies Rural Club met at the home of Mrs. Cleve Prather last Thursday and elected the following officers: Mrs. J. A. Reynolds, president; Mrs. Cleve Prather, vice president; Mrs. N. C. Anderson, secretary; Mrs. W. S. McClain, corresponding secretary.

WIGRICH
Mr. and Mrs. Walker visited Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plant spent Sunday evening at Buena Vista with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lichty spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Chown.

The Misses Plant and Grandma Plant were Sunday guests of Major and Mrs. Rose.
G. A. Wells and G. W. McLaughlin combined business with pleasure in Portland several days last week.

Books for everybody at Craven & Walker's.

Max Goldman Deals in
HIDES
PELTS
WOOL
FURS
MOHAIR
CASCARA BARK
VEAL
PORK
BEEF
POULTRY
BUTTER
EGGS
FARM PRODUCE
WOOD
WOOD
GROCERIES
SHOES
FURNISHINGS
DRY GOODS
CAST OR TRADE