

LOCAL NEWS

We wish you a Merry Christmas. Mail from the north was about 12 hours late Thursday.

Mrs. G. N. Lewis was a visitor at Medford Wednesday.

George Buckley of Ruch was a recent visitor in this city.

W. C. Daley of Lake creek was a recent visitor in this city.

B. B. Beekman, Esq. was a business visitor at Medford Thursday.

Attorney W. E. Phipps of Medford was visitor in this city Friday.

H. K. Hanna made a business trip to Medford Thursday afternoon.

Herman Offenbacher of Applegate was a recent visitor in this city.

Chas. J. Numan transacted business in this city Thursday afternoon.

County Coroner John A. Perl, of Medford was in town this morning.

Big Christmas dance at Goldsby's hall near Buncom, Monday night.

A total eclipse of the moon is scheduled for Saturday morning Dec. 29.

The West Side school will give a Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 23.

Miles Cantrall of Ruch transacted business in this city Thursday afternoon.

Maud Coy of Gold Hill attended the teachers examination in this city Wednesday.

John M. Dickinson of Ashland died at his home in that city Tuesday, aged 82 years.

Hiram James Arnold, a miner of the Blue Ledge, transacted business in this city Thursday.

Gus Newbury has purchased 75 head of Durham and Hereford steers for his Applegate ranch.

Attorney H. A. Canady of Medford transacted legal business in this city Friday forenoon.

Bill Coleman, former county clerk, has been appointed a member of Medford's police force.

Mail from Portland Thursday morning was delayed several hours by a washout near Salem.

Mrs. Eckelson and children have gone to Portland where they will spend Christmas with friends.

James A. Russel of Beagle was in this city Tuesday to fill out his questionnaire for the exemption board.

S. S. Bullis, president of the S. O. Traction company who is on a business trip east is expected home next week.

An examination for teachers' state certificates was held in this city this week. Twelve teachers attended the sessions.

The meetings of the local Red Cross Society next week and the following week will be held on Friday afternoons.

Alfred Coleman died at his home in Medford, Tuesday December 18, aged 53 years. The body was shipped to Denver, Col. for burial.

License plates for 1918, are being received by local auto owners. Owners of cars are warned to keep the 1917 plates on their cars until Jan. 1st.

The gasoline motor car formerly used on the railroad between this city and Medford has been transferred to the P. & E. line from Medford to Butte Falls.

John W. and E. S. Wilson expect to leave this evening for a short visit to Camp Lewis where their brother "Curley" Wilson is in training in the National army.

Joseph Applehaker who has been working at the Blue Ledge mine for several months, came home Thursday and will spend Christmas with his family in this city.

Wendt Bros. who operate the stage and carry the mail to Watkins are running their auto to McKees place and make the father end of the route with a team of horses.

James M. MacDowell, wife and mother, of Central Point were in this city Wednesday attending to the preparation of the former's questionnaire for the exemption board.

A news letter from Gold Hill announces the arrival of eight convicts from the state penitentiary, in charge of a foreman, to work in the state lime quarry near that town.

The annual district convention of the Rebekah lodges will be held at Ashland January 8th. Mrs. Mary Lancaster of Astoria, president of the Assembly is expected to be present.

A prohibition amendment to the constitution of the United States, passed congress by a good sized majority this week. The amendment will now be submitted to the states for ratification.

S. L. Johnston, of Thompson creek, who had been on a business trip to Portland, returned Thursday evening and was in this city yesterday. Owing to washouts the trip from Portland to Medford occupied 24 hours.

All work done in 1917 spot cash at W. R. Sparks.

Frank Neil of Derby was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.

Richard Gaskin transacted business at Medford Friday afternoon.

For Sale—Gasoline engine belonging to Basye estate. D. W. Bagshaw.

Raymond Pursell of Buncom was a business visitor in this city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hanna were business visitors at Medford Friday.

The circuit court was in session for hearing of motions, divorce cases, etc. today.

Mrs. D. W. Bagshaw and daughter Mary were visitor at Medford Friday afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. Finney and Mrs. Bob Finney were visitors at Medford Friday afternoon.

Harry Helms, who is employed at the Blue Ledge mine, came in Thursday to spend the holidays.

No early western train robber ever dreamed of a hold-up so extensive as the kaiser has been planning.

Elmo Throckmorton and Miss Gladys Rose of Applegate were business visitors in this city Friday afternoon.

FOR SALE.—A camera, with tripod, plates and other equipment. Cost \$72. Will sell for \$15. Call at this office.

Glenn Bailey who is in the navy, at present stationed at San Francisco, came home this morning for the Holidays.

The friends of Col. J. M. Williams who is ill at the sanitarium at Medford will be glad to learn that he is reported better, this morning.

Another large class out of work-operators in the wheat market; but they want to be in the bread line just yet.

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Electric Sparks

What the German government announces as the seventh successful loan is in reality the seventh compulsory assessment.

Dastro, once regarded as an international desperado, is never heard of except when he is being told to move on.

As Christmas draws near call on us men to fill the soldier socks you knit with 10-cent cigars. We'll be a Santa Claus.

An actress in the movies does not have to know how to play the piano or the harp; nor to be extremely particular about "going through the motions."

A good deal of food conservation seems to be to eat a substitute merely because it is something else, not that you hanker for it.

Those who are forbidden to gamble in grain might go to raising it, though that, of course, isn't as exciting, but it's still a game of chance.

This talk of alfalfa being good for human food makes us apprehensive that the food conservers may soon be feeding us out of the silo.

An eminent British naturalist says that cats can't "roar" as the lion does because the hyoid bone in their throats is stationary. Thanks to Providence for anchoring the hyoid bone.

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What's in the Bag for Us?



"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

CHRISTMAS is the apotheosis of enlightenment. It is the exaltation of childhood. It is the glory of the little child.

We celebrate this festival in bleak December, the uncrowned month in our northern zone, lighting its dull skies by the eternal fires of love in human hearts.

There is not in all this land a home where the rain beats through the roof, where the mother and father gather the children more closely to shelter them, but the Christmas truth is shining, "Blessed are the poor."

There is not a homeless boy who in the December night creeps out of the snow into an empty dry goods box in the alley, not a little fellow up under the rafters of the poorhouse on the county farm, not a foundling left in a basket at the rich man's door, not a shivering, tiny girl unfitted for a fight with the storm, but the new truth of the Christmas spreads its wings over them.

"When I am weak, then am I strong." Who is weak? Who is infirm upon his feet and walks with a crutch? Who is afraid of the northeast wind? Who says: "I am better; yes, I think I am getting better. But somehow I do not get my vigor back?" Who leans up against the bale of goods on the half hidden counter and knows that she came back to work too soon? Who was born blind? Who hears the unfeeling call for an iron will and has it not, for a tireless energy and confesses that he lacks it, though he prays to heaven for this force that others have?

To all of you the Christmas has its meaning. There never was a conqueror like the child in the cradle. God hath chosen the weak things to confound the mighty. For 2,000 years the history of the world's civilization has been the story of the gentler virtues, the poem, the song and the triumph of suffering well. The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. Every letter of that sentence is eternally true.

The grandest things that were ever done on earth were done by men and women who had the spirit of the child. The sublimest work of the Creator is the sweet faced little child. It is everything for the child, heaven please—all harvests, all gold, all schools, all trade, all government, all the coming better times. Christmas means, "And a little child shall lead them."—Emory J. Hayne in New York World.

Few Christmas Toys Then. Throughout the colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries toys were an almost unknown factor, but wherever Christmas observances were not frowned upon by religion feasting and good cheer were abundant, and rich and poor, old and young, shared in the games, abundant food and genial atmosphere. In the eighteenth century toys began to make their appearance in the colonies. Some of them were brought from overseas and had the enchanting quality of novelty. Little girls who had helped to mother their younger brothers and sisters were delighted with dolls that were all their own, to fondle and cuddle. A toy was a thing to be cherished in those days.—Churchman.

Christmas on Christmas Island. They never have any "white" Christmas on Christmas Island. The thermometer never falls below 70 and never rises above 90 in the shade.

Christmas Island lies about 250 miles southeast of the western extremity of Java. It is in the Indian ocean and belongs to Great Britain, having been annexed in 1888. This interesting little bit of land in midsea appears to have been originally a coral reef, which by volcanic forces has been raised so high that at its highest point it sticks out of the water 1,600 feet. In shape it is an irregular quadrilateral. It has an area of about twenty square miles.

The Three Wise Men

ONE Christmas mystery remains unsolved. Who were the wise men of the east—the magi who followed the star of Bethlehem from afar to do homage to the newborn Saviour?

It is fair to assume from the fact that the visitors were received at court by King Herod and that they carried gifts of value that they were in their own country men of royalty or close to it. Herod evidently deemed it well to treat them with deference, for disquieted though he was by their news of the comet that was to lead them to the birthplace of the Redeemer he dissembled and told them that when they had found the newborn he would return to worship with them.

Much of our information about the early days of the Christian era comes from the monks of the fourteenth century, who delved deeply into historical sources since lost to the world. Their story of the three wise men has received wide credence. According to these monks, the wise men were three great kings called Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Caspar was the oldest and from the north. At the time of the birth of Christ he was sixty years old, and for more than two-thirds of that time he had ruled in Arabia. Balthasar was black, a native of Saba, from the east, and forty years old. The youngest was Melchior, from the south, whose country was Tarslish. He was twenty years old.

Impelled by some mysterious power, they dropped all the cares of state and followed a single star thirteen days and nights, without eating or sleeping, till it led them to Jerusalem.

Then the story follows that of the Bible until they returned to their own countries.

The story does not stop here. It tells circumstantially the after life of the three wise men. The good Apostle St. Thomas journeyed to their country and baptized them, and all three went out to preach the doctrine of the Christ.

They were slain by barbarous gentiles, and later the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, recovered their sacred bones and took them to Constantinople. Thence they were carried to Milan and finally found an ultimate resting place in Cologne, where they now are.—New York Post.

Seattle, Wash. Dec. 20.—Robert Moran, pioneer Seattle shipbuilder, has been appointed state director of the United States public service, and within a few days will undertake the task of card indexing the skilled labor of Washington for the purpose of assisting industries engaged in war work to secure trained workmen. Mr. Moran's salary will be \$1 a year.

Negro is Arrested With Suitcase Full of Whiskey

Oregon City, Dec. 20.—A Hawkins, colored, was arrested here this morning by Sheriff Wilson, and eight quarts of whiskey in suitcases were seized. The negro got off the Southern Pacific northbound train and was waiting for a Portland-bound electric car when arrested. He claims that he was paid by a porter to carry the bag to Portland and turn it over at the Union depot. Hawkins is said to have had an accomplice who has disappeared.

Christmas and the Children

The little folks are talkin'—they talk like anything 'bout Santy Claus a-comin' an' what he's givin' to bring. An' the mother never scolds 'em or tells 'em 'bout the noise. They're just the sweetest little girls, the best of little boys!

Because they know that Santy Claus knows everything they do An' while he's loading up his sleigh he's watchin' 'em too! An' them that minds their mothers, they gets the most of toys. They're just the sweetest little girls, the best of little boys!

They've just been writin' letters to Santy Claus each day An' tellin' him just what they want an' showin' him the way To where the house is, so he'll know just where to leave the toys Per just the sweetest little girls, the best of little boys!

They're gittin' mighty anxious fer the days an' nights to go, An' all of 'em are happy, an' they make their mothers so! She never has to scold 'em or tell 'em 'bout the noise 'Cause they're just the sweetest little girls, the best of little boys!

Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

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7:50 a. m. Sunday only
8:30 a. m. daily except Sunday
9:00 a. m. Sunday only
10:30 a. m. daily except Sunday
11:30 a. m. daily except Sunday
2:00 p. m. daily
3:00 p. m. daily
4:00 p. m. daily
5:00 p. m. daily (Note 1)
7:15 p. m. daily (Note 2)

Leave Medford.
8:00 a. m. daily except Sunday
8:30 a. m. Sunday only
9:00 a. m. daily except Sunday
11:00 a. m. daily
12:00 Noon-daily except Sunday
2:30 p. m. daily
3:30 p. m. daily
4:20 p. m. daily
6:00 p. m. daily

From Riverside Avenue.
10:30 p. m. daily except Sat. & Sun.
11:00 p. m. Saturday & Sunday only.
(Note 1) Runs to Medford depot and waits until 5:50 p. m. before going to East end of line.
(Note 2) Runs to Medford depot only unless carrying passengers for beyond.
R. S. BULLIS,
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