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### CHRISTMAS.

Good morning, Mr. Santa Claus! Ah, the good cheer throughout the Christmas world today! Thousands of people will know the joy of giving—and receiving. There will be fitting observance of this holy holiday in every Christian clime, and instruments and voices shall be tuned together for a rendition of the mighty symphony in the name of the Messiah—the Christ. All will be joy so far as it shall be within the power of thoughtful minds, loving hearts and willing hands to make it so.

But in spite of all that can be done there must, saddening as is the thought, remain many unfortunates who shall know now none of the joys and blessings of this sacred holiday season. Knowing this, let us each and all resolve to minister to such cases, should we be allowed the privilege, and assist in lifting for a little time the burden of another who is weighed down with more than his share of cares and sorrows.

To all our readers The American wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### CHRISTMAS NOTES.

Owing to the rush of getting ready for the Christmas festivities our issue this week simply gives the programs and hardly tells what has been done, so next week we will give our readers a full account of the Christmas festivities.

Certainly things were "popping" this week in getting ready. The popcorn was raised at the school; shelled by the little boys, and popped in the kitchen.

In another department could be seen candy bags being filled with oranges, apples, candy and nuts.

Then again in another place Santa Claus was looking over presents to be given to the pupils of Chemawa.

Then over in the school house everybody was getting ready for the entertainment and for the exercises on Christmas morning.

Even out on the football gridiron could be seen both the first and second teams busily engaged, getting ready; the second team for the game Christmas Day with the Albina Athletic Club of Portland, and the first team for their game with the Catholic Young Men's Club in Portland the day after Christmas.

In the big gymnasium Mr. Woods and his force were putting up the Christmas tree and getting ready for Santa to put his presents thereon.

On Tuesday the girls visited Santa Claus in Salem and on Wednesday the boys had a chance to do the same.

This article was written right in the midst of the Christmas hurry, and as mentioned above, a full account of the festivities will be given in our next issue.