

## MRS. LARAMORE TELLS TROUBLES

Lady in Goodwater Describes Her Distressing Experience and Tells How She Was Finally Relieved.

Goodwater, Mo.—"Ever since I was a little girl," says Mrs. Riley Laramore, "I was a great sufferer from dyspepsia."

I suffered misery after eating, and had terrible heartburn.

I thought I had to suffer this way as long as I lived, but when I began to take Theford's Black-Draught, in small doses, every night, the heartburn was all gone in a few days, and I could eat without distress.

I took two small packages in all, and although that was some time ago, the dyspepsia has not returned.

I speak a good word for Theford's Black-Draught whenever I have the opportunity.

If eating causes distress, we urge you to try Theford's Black-Draught. It cleanses the system, helps the stomach to digest its food, regulates the bowels, and stimulates the liver.

It acts gently and is without bad after-effects. Try it. Price 25c.

### ROAD PLANS NOT MADE

State Highway Improvements Not Decided Definitely.

Salem.—Although the state highway commission has not decided upon a definite plan as to how all the money raised for state highway improvement under the law passed at the recent session of the legislature creating the commission should be expended, it has made arrangements to begin active work about June 1, when the money for next year will become available. The commission has decided to expend part of the money in providing supervision of road construction by county courts, when desired, and the remainder will be used either in building an experimental thoroughfare to determine the merits of the various hard-surface pavements, or in building a stretch of the Pacific Highway between this city and Portland.

The commission has decided that all work done by it shall be hard surface, the law providing that durable roads shall be constructed.

Would Oust Mayor and Officials. Baker.—The state of Oregon through District Attorney Godwin, has brought suit against all municipal officials of the town of Cornucopia, Baker county, including Mayor Robinson, members of the council, recorder, treasurer and marshal, seeking to have them removed from office, alleging that irregularities in charter election, makes it invalid and illegal. It holds that incumbents illegally usurped offices and asks court to oust them.

### West Pardons Peacock.

Albany.—After serving 382 days in the Linn county jail for violation of the local option liquor law, Albert E. Peacock was released upon a pardon signed by Governor West. His term in prison was the longest thus far in this state for selling liquor in "dry" territory.

### Big Apple Will Feature Exhibit.

Hood River.—Hood River county county will occupy the center of the Oregon exhibit at the Panama exposition with its display. A huge Spitzenberg apple about 30 feet in diameter and 18 feet in height will be constructed and on the interior will be a life-like panorama of the Hood River valley with its orchards and flowing streams and with the electric effects that will be installed it will present a novel effect. It is estimated that the apple and its interior panoramic display will cost several thousand dollars.

### County May Have New Highways.

Grants Pass.—The county commissioners have called a special election for Wednesday, December 31, for the purpose of voting upon the question of the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$225,000 for the building of highways in the county.

### Wife-Murder Not Proved.

Astoria.—The circuit court jury returned a verdict acquitting F. Ferdinand Fernandez of the charge of murdering his wife. The woman's antemortem statement that she stabbed herself was the main evidence in the defendant's behalf.

### Wheat in Need of Gluten.

Pendleton.—In an attempt to raise the percentage of gluten in wheat grown in Umatilla county, a few local farmers are importing some seed grain from Canada.

## "Just Watch Me!"



THOUGH the children call me Santa  
And I'm growing rather old,  
I am not too old for kisses,  
And my heart is never cold.  
I've long known about the meaning  
Of the sprig of mistletoe  
When a maiden's found beneath it  
With her lips all puckered—so.  
I have found the dainty maiden  
Just as sweet as maid can be,  
And as I collect the tribute  
You may watch and envy me.

### A CHRISTMAS LETTER.

DEAREST PHYLLIS, pray remember when you're making up the list of your presents for December (unless I am to be missed)

That I've slippers, picture brackets, smoking sets of various types.  
Half a dozen smoking jackets, thirty-seven meerschaum pipes.  
Twenty patent "kid glove menders," collar boxes by the score.  
Of embroidered silk suspenders, forty-seven pairs or more.  
That each year since I was twenty I've received a paperweight.  
Have pen wipers, inkstands plenty, paper cutters—twenty-eight;  
That I've Browning and Longfellow by the hundred—every kind—  
Shakespeare—black and blue and yellow; Milton till I'm nearly blind.

So there's just one present only that I'm wanting in this year  
Of my bachelorship so lonely—that's yourself, my Phyllis, dear.  
—James Courtney Challis.

### Attractive Bed Sets.

Bed sets, consisting of spread, pillow covers and valance, are always a welcome addition to the nappy closet, and what color to select need not worry the donor, as the smart thing in these outfits is white scrim trimmed with eyelet embroidery or fillet insertion, edging and motif. Blankets may seem a homely gift to send at Christmas time, but any housekeeper will be glad to have one in thick, soft Australian wool, in pale blue, rose or mauve, and bound with satin ribbon.

One of the nicest things to send to a housekeeping friend is a set of towels. It is a happy idea to furnish a dozen of extra large sized and heavy Turkish bath towels, hemmed in the color of her room and marked with her individual initials.

### Flax Mill is Favored.

Oregon City.—Farmers of many parts of the county and valley are interested in a proposition to erect a \$200,000 flax mill in Oregon City, and many of them have promised to sign agreements to produce the material in case the city raises \$50,000 required and obtains the mill.

### CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY.

A Day of Cheeriness and Happiness Throughout the Fatherland.

The German Christmas has local differences in various provinces. The Christmas tree is universal, for this is its home. At many places the whole family go to early service, at 5 or 6 o'clock, as the custom may be, and in some parts of the country every one carries a lighted candle. These candles, placed on the backs of the pews, sometimes make the only light in the church. At some places when the clock strikes 12 on Christmas eve the bells ring and every house and church is quickly lighted up.

Christmas is a day of cheeriness and happiness throughout Germany. The presents are usually simple. Men and angels and many kinds of creatures are fashioned in gingerbread. It is twisted into many grotesque shapes, and sometimes it is gilded. Hans Christian Andersen's story of the "Honeybread Soldier" will be better understood by any one who has spent a Christmas in Germany.

In Hanover, just when the candles on the Christmas tree are dying out, there will be a mysterious rap on the door and a bundle will be thrown into the room. It contains a little present for every member of the family and comic verses for some of them.

In Oberammergau there is a more distinctly religious tone given to the whole holiday. The Christ Child is the guardian angel of the time. It is he, they say, who brings the Christmas tree. He comes down from heaven on Christmas eve, holding it in his hands. Two angels bearing presents fly before him and two behind. He puts the tree on the table, rings a bell and flies away. He brings a blessing to the children that have been obedient.

To the children of Oberammergau St. Nicholas is an angel in disguise. He goes about from house to house in ragged clothes and with a bag on his back. He gives a loud knock at the door and asks, "Are the children good?" If the answer is "Yes" he leaves fruits and candies. If the answer is "No" he leaves a stick.

### ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CARDS.

First One Was Designed Nearly Seventy Years Ago.

The Christmas card as we know it has an origin easily traceable, and it is now not quite seventy years ago since the first was designed.

The artist who claimed to be its originator and who was at any rate the first to see its possibilities was W. C. T. Dobson, R. A., an Englishman who when quite a young man in 1844 was prompted at Christmas to make a little sketch symbolic of the season's joys and festivities and to send it to a friend. It seemed to give great pleasure, and the next year Mr. Dobson determined to follow up the idea on a larger scale and by having his card lithographed was enabled to send copies to twenty-five or thirty friends.

The delight with which they were received was so great that Mr. Dobson was quick to perceive that he had found out a new pleasure for Christmas.

### The Holy Hay.

There is a popular legend which tells how the very hay in which the Holy Babe was laid put forth living blossoms at midwinter at the touch of the Babe's body.

## Millinery Announcement

Having had several years experience in handling millinery, and believing that there is an opening here for such a business as we shall conduct. We have decided to bring for your inspection, the very latest and best in Spring Millinery. We shall also place at your disposal the services of an artistic trimmer.

Mrs. Letson.

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## "BURBANK OF DRY FARMING WORLD"

Has Oregon Products at United States Land Show in Chicago



CHICAGO, ILL.—Fate made Tillman Reuter the "Burbank of the Dry Farming World." About ten years ago he left his home in Evansville, Ind., broken in body and spirit, and he went west in quest of health. He not only found health, but won wealth and fame as well. He located in Central Oregon and pioneered it as a cultivator of the dry farming variety. He worked wonders, growing everything in the shape of grains and vegetables that are produced with more ample rainfall.

This year at the International Dry Farming Exposition in Tulsa, Okla., Reuter, for the third consecutive time, swept the boards in competition with the exhibits of the entire North American continent. Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, has installed a portion of the famous Reuter exhibit in the Great Northern railway's booth at the United States Land Show, which opened Nov. 20th in the Chicago Coliseum. Reuter, meanwhile, is too busy getting ready for his next year's crop to attend the Chicago show. He is out to make it four consecutive "world's championships" by improving his next dry farming congress exhibit.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thanks

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