

# THE STAYTON MAIL

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## Merry Christmas.

THE MAIL wishes its many readers a very Merry Christmas. The past year has been one of prosperity—employment for everybody and good crops. Everyone ought to have sufficient coin of the realm on hand so that none of the family may hang up their stockings to awake and find that Santa Claus has forgotten them. See that someone is made happy through you, even though the remembrance be small. The thoughts of grown people are carried back to childhood's by each recurring Christmas, and coupled with the memories of Christmas presents of youth is the name of the giver.

Remember each of the family, but particularly don't forget the children. Many a life has been brightened by a remembrance at Christmas time, and Christmas is the children's own day. Don't let it be one of disappointment, and remember He whose birth it commemorates said, "Even as ye do it unto one of the least of these, ye do it unto me."

## Oregon Items of Interest.

(Special Correspondence.)

Portland, Ore., Dec. 16th, 1907.

There is universal interest all over the State in the meeting of the Oregon Press Association, which convenes in this city on January 17th and 18th.

Upon several different occasions there were between 600 and 700 people in attendance upon the Dairy Convention and exhibit at one time, and from the moment that President Judd called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock Thursday morning until it closed at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, the interest never flagged. Hon. B. D. White, the dairy expert with the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., who has participated in dairy conventions in all the older states, said that he had never attended a better convention. The program was full of interest—it was a school of information and instruction, and facts were presented and views exchanged and actual results shown, which will be of tremendous value to all those engaged in the industry or contemplating a participation in it. The substantial character of the gathering was shown when the Chair requested those actually milking cows commercially to stand—75 per cent of the audience rose, and when a vote was asked to show what proportion of these were testing milk the idea of keeping their herds up to the highest standard, at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the milkers rose a second time, a striking evidence of modern dairy methods.

The proceedings in full will be printed in book form just as soon as the stenographers, photographers and printers can get their material in shape. Prof. F. L. Kent of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis was made President, and W. L. Crissey of the Portland Commercial Club, Secretary. The campaign in behalf of the next convention will begin immediately for it is determined that the convention, like the one just held, will be most important and beneficial gathering of any held during the year 1908.

The exhibits were magnificent, equalling those at the international show. The whole state was represented. The convention was a tremendous success, and the men interested in dairying have determined that the products of this great industry will add at least \$20,000,000 to the wealth of Oregon in 1908. 204 people personally paid their dues while in attendance, the greatest previous record being 84, and before the next session of the Association is convened the rolls will contain to exceed 300 members.

The Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by the Portland Commercial Club giving the shipments of grain and flour from this State and Washington, was printed in full by many of the greatest papers in the United States, The New York Journal of Commerce, the leading financial paper in the country, giving it especial prominence.

35 vessels are loading wheat and flour in Portland's harbor, a greater tonnage than was ever before known.

Holiday shoppers crowd the Portland stores, and this applies to points thruout the state. Merchants report business better than expected.

County Judge Scott sends the MAIL the following:

It has been decided by the County Commissioner's Court that in view of the fact that there was more or less complaint last year about high taxes, and further, in view of the fact that financial matters thruout the country are at the present time somewhat doubtful as to what the future has in store for us, and further, owing to the fact that a great many tax payers have requested the various of the County Court to make as low tax levy the coming year as will be consistent with good government, we do, therefore, notify you that it shall be the intention of the County Court to make the tax levy for the coming year as low as can possibly be made that shall be consistent with good County Government. We, therefore, shall make a very small road tax, and if the majority of the people in any road district desire to have a larger road tax they can do so by levying the same at any time between now and the first day of January, next.

By referring to your road law, 1907, page 26, road law, 1905, page 31, you will find authority for levying a special district tax, Section 70, Laws of 1903, page 283.

Please inform the tax payers in your road district as to the contents of this letter and if they desire to vote a tax, I will send you proper blanks for posting notices for voting the same. It is within the power of the people to vote as high a road tax as they desire, not to exceed ten mills. If they fail to do so, they ought not complain for not having good roads.

## Thieves Gather Plunder.

A daring mail robbery was perpetrated at Woodburn Wednesday a. m., and it is likely several thousand dollars were secured from registered packages. All the mail that came in on the night trains was locked up in the passenger depot, which was broken into and robbed some time before daylight. The robbers evidently knew of the movements of all the employees, and there is no clue. In all, four sacks were taken, and a number of registered mail pouches were scattered over the floor, and had been relieved of their contents. The mail was stored in the baggage room and was all mail coming into Woodburn that would have been distributed from there this morning. Mails from there are sent up to Silverton and out on a number of free rural routes. At least four locked pouches were taken, at some time between 2 o'clock and daylight. This is the second mail robbery that has been perpetrated in the past few years at this point.—Capital Journal.

## The New Bookkeeper At The Stayton State Bank.

The new bookkeeper at the Bank is arousing a good deal of interest among local business men. It is nothing but a machine—"brains in box" they call it—but it is sold on a life contract to do all the adding and "figuring" required by the bank every day.

Its real name is the Burroughs adding-and-listing machine, and it will put down figures in long columns and add them up faster than six expert bookkeepers. Moreover, the makers guarantee that it cannot make a mistake, as the best bookkeeper will sometimes do. This makes it an insurance of the accuracy of the bank's account with its patrons, and shows the progressiveness of the bank officials.

When you stand in front of this machine and consider that it is nothing but a mass of wheels and buttons, you find it hard to believe that it will actually set down columns of figures a mile long if necessary and give the correct answer instantly.

## Mail Order House Style.

A man went into a hardware store and wished to purchase an axe. Being shown the article and informed that the price was \$1.15, he said, "Why I can get that same kind of an axe from a Chicago retail mail order concern for 90 cents."

"Very well," said the dealer, "I will give it to you for the same price provided you will do the same with me as you would with them." "All right," replied the customer as he handed over a dollar bill, the dealer giving him ten cents back in change.

"Now," said the dealer, "I want 25 cents more to pay express charges," which the purchaser gave him. "How much did you ax cost you?"

"One dollar and fifteen cents," answered the man.

"Very good. Now give me 5 cents more for money order fees and postage," which the purchaser had to hand over. "Now how much did your axe cost you?"

"One dollar and twenty cents," said the customer.

"Not so cheap after all," said the dealer, whereupon he picked up the ax, tossed it back on the shelf and told the customer to call for it in ten days, as that would be as soon as he'd get it if 'twas ordered from the retail catalog house.—Exchange.

When one finds he is out of sympathy with his town, and can only say a good word for it coupled with an apology, he ought to get out, says an exchange. Many people fall into a sort of unconscions habit of growling. But it's a miserable habit. Such people make of themselves a dead weight, while, of course, they imagine themselves particularly independent. The individual has about all he can do to get along under his own loads, and he wants help and encouragement from those going his way, and who are identified with him in interest. So with the town. It has its interest to care for, and it needs all the pluck, all the energy, all the co-operation and helpfulness its citizens can provide and bring to bear. Every man is a part of its fortune, and in some measures at least takes on the character of the man. So loyalty to one's town is no more than loyalty to one's self; and this loyalty is in the line of all well-shaped human nature. Therefore it is right to say that the man who does not stand up for his town is in some way dwarfed. There is something wrong about him. His fellows will pass this judgment upon him, and the chances are that while he may add to the discomfort of others he will not escape making himself unhappy.

## The Old, Old Story.

Hot, tired and dusty, the excursion was returning from the seaside day trip, and Simkins, a little bald man with big ears, overcome with his day of happiness, dropped off to sleep. In the hatrack above another passenger had deposited a ferocious crab in a bucket, and when Simkins went to sleep the crab woke up and, finding things dull in the bucket, started exploring. By careful navigation Mr. Crab reached the edge of the rack, but the next moment down it fell, alighting on Simkins' shoulder. Not feeling quite safe, it grabbed the voluminous ear of Simkins to steady itself, and the passengers held their breath and waited for developments. But Simkins only shook his head slightly.

"Let go, Ellza," he murmured. "I tell you I have been at the office all the evening."—London Pick-Me-Up.

## A Disguise.

To the Barber—Lather me thoroughly; there comes my tailor.—Filogende Blatter.

## Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, her Final Account as executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Geo. Wilhelmy, deceased, and that said Court has fixed Monday, the 20th day of Jan., 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and the County Court Room in the County Court House in Salem, in Marion County, Oregon, as the place for hearing said Final Account and all objections thereto.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 16th day of December, 1907.

THERESA WILHELMY  
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of  
Geo. Wilhelmy, deceased.

## A Merry Christmas and A Bright New Year 1908

To my many friends and customers.

G. D. TROTTER, Stayton.

## Wishing You

## A Merry Christmas,

we beg, to announce that this bank will be closed on that day.

STAYTON STATE BANK,  
Stayton, Oregon.

## Here we Are Again

with a full line of

Single Double Harness Jackson Thompson Buggies

Milburn Old Hickory Wagons

Superior Drills. Canton Plows.

Korinek & Mielke, STAYTON, OREGON.

## New Crop

We now have the most complete line of Groceries we have ever shown. Our stock of this years crop in Canned goods has just arrived and consists of Preferred Stock, Extra Selected, A. & L. extra standard, also the standard in Red Cross, California state and other brands.

## Coffee

To introduce our Mokona 25c package Coffee we will give one-half pound free with every pound package. Other roasted Coffee from 20 to 40c a pound in bulk and in 1 to 5 lb. tins.

Goods delivered to any part of the city.

Gehlen Bros.