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## CHRISTMAS BUSINESS IS GOOD HERE

Business is good! Anyone who thinks Prineville boys and girls, ranging in age from six minutes to three score and ten years and above, will not know that this is Christmas time, will be required to readjust his opinions, and to verify this we refer you to any business house in Prineville where Christmas goods are carried in stock.

The utility gift houses, those where clothing and like useful articles are to be had have thus far enjoyed the best trade, the less useful gifts perhaps second, while the candy houses say that they do not get their heavy business until the last days before Christmas.

Cornett & Company report business up to the standard of former years. Harvey Cyrus says that his trade is heavier every day, and as a total, his business is much better than he anticipated for this year. Stewart & Company do not carry any quantity of merchandise that is of a Christmas nature, yet they have had a good volume of business for the recent weeks. Robinson & Clifton report that their business is up to standard and that they are busy every day handling the increasing trade. This store is a men's shop, and only at this season are the ladies in evidence there. They are heavy purchasers during the weeks before Christmas and have been crowding the store for several days past.

John J. Price is expecting a heavy demand for candies during the next few days. Geo. Nicolai of the Prineville Drug Co., says that his business has been better than usual, and that the bulk of his Christmas articles has been sold for some time past.

The Michel Grocery Company reports that their business is not affected by the Christmas trade until the days immediately preceding the event, when heavy buying is evident for the Christmas dinner. Beyond that their only extra trade is on candies, which has been good.

The Tri-State Company report that business is excellent, and that the volume has been greater than they anticipated.

Joe Howard, owner of the Howard Drug Company, says that he is satisfied with the volume of business his store is doing, and that it is heavier every day as Christmas approaches.

At the postoffice, Miss Hodges says that the influx of Christmas mail is just starting, and that while she has no way of checking the outgoing volume just yet, it does not seem to be as heavy as in some former years.

While some of the shops were too busy to grant an interview, anyone who is doubtful about the condition and who thinks this is not going to be a Christmas of the real old time order, should take a stroll through the stores and shops and we dare him or her to do so without becoming convinced that there is a real Christmas season on, and that it is up to all standards.

### DOG RISKS LIFE TO REPAY A KINDLY ACT.

Fate as the powerful factor that sways the destinies of humans and animals is interestingly brought out in "Back to God's Country," adapted from "Wapi, the Walrus," by James Oliver Curwood, and which will be shown starting Dec 31 at the Lyric.

As Dolores LeBeau, a woodland girl, whose kindly nature has won her the love of even the most savage beasts of the forest, Nell Shipman meets Peter Burke, a novelist roaming the wilds of Canada for material for his new book. Both are inspired by the love of animals, to whom they show kindness.

How this consideration for dumb brutes is repaid after Peter and Dolores, married, go into the Arctic regions to investigate conditions there among the Eskimos is most grippingly shown when Wapi, the killer, a great Dane dog whose friendship Dolores has won, saves their lives.

### FINES FOR ILLEGAL LIQUOR TOTAL \$750

Activities of the sheriff's office and city officials during the past ten days has netted a total of \$750 in fines for the county, although one of the offenders is starting a jail term of 100 days in preference to paying the \$300 fine assessed to him by the court for his offense.

Joe Lister was fined \$300 for manufacturing liquor at his Paulina ranch on Saturday, Bob Balfour was assessed \$250 on Friday for manufacturing whiskey at a lonely cabin on the "high desert" about 16 miles southwest of Prineville. This still is said by the officials to be the most complete yet taken, having copper coils and modern devices for making a good grade of "licker," if there is a good grade.

On Sunday, city marshal Fincher arrested Sam Clemens at the Hamilton Livery Barn, with a quart of whiskey on him, and on Monday he was fined \$200. This he says he will "lay out" and is already starting on the task, at \$2 per day, which will give him his liberty about the first of April.

### HER BELOVED VILLAIN

"Her Beloved Villain" is Miss Hawley's latest starring vehicle. It shows her as a vivacious French wife who sets out to punish her husband for a mild deception. In the punishing everybody concerned is enmeshed in a maze of complications that carries the plot along in the brilliant manner one always expects of a French farce. It is a Realart picture directed by Sam Wood from the scenario by Alice Eytton. It will be at the Lyric next Monday.

### FLEES DOWN FIRE ESCAPE TO GET A SQUARE MEAL.

Constance Talmadge is some little climber, as you will see in "Two Weeks," taken from Anthony Wharton's play "At the Barn," which will be shown at the Lyric on next Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Talmadge takes the part of a chorus girl. She is in her tiny flat trying to escape from a bill collector, when a wealthy young clubman calls. She knows this means a good dinner and she is hungry. But the bill collector is camping on the trail.

So she climbs on the fire escape and slides down four stories to the basement, where she tells the young man she just got back from Newport. But alas, she has forgotten her kitchen apron and it is discovered under her coat. However, she is not a bit daunted, and she gets a square meal.

### PORTLAND GIRL IN "PINK TIGHTS."

Her real name was Maxie Darnton and she dreamed of a home, with a green lawn and chickens in the back yard. On the billboards her name was Mlle. Gabrielle St. Simon, "Queen of the Air," her specialty being to leap from a balloon hundreds of feet in the air. Such is the heroine of "Pink Tights," the newest comedy drama produced by Universal, directed by Reeves Eason and coming to the Lyric next Thursday. Gladys Walton and Jack Ferrin head the cast.

### TO REPRESENT PRINEVILLE AT STATE CHAMBER MEETING

At the Tuesday meeting of the Commercial Club R. L. Schee and Guy Lafollette were appointed to represent the local chamber at the meeting of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce in Portland next week.

### SMOKER PROVED SOCIAL SUCCESS

The Legion smoker which took place Friday, proved to be a whirlwind from start to finish, and those fans who are always demanding action, and are somewhat bloodthirsty should be satisfied with the exhibition.

The main go, a ten round mill between Kid Swann and Carl Martin, both of Portland, resulted in a much closer and hard fought contest than the less prominent match between Duffy Knorr of Terrebonne and Joe Hofs of Tacoma.

In the latter mix the local favorite succeeded in putting his Tacoma rival on the mat five or six times, but he was always able to stand and come for more punishment before the ten count put him out.

Greek George and Kid Taylor, of Bend, put on a classy exhibition, and although they were supposed to do no more than that, they fought even harder, with the heavy gloves than some of the other schappers, there appearing to be a real feeling between the two men.

Two short mills by local youngsters completed the card.

Although the meet was not a winner for its promoters financially, they are planning another for a date in January, perhaps about the 21st.

### O. W. STOCK TRAIN MAKES RECORD RUN

The first livestock train under the special service recently installed at the instance of F. E. Studebaker, made a record run into the North Portland stockyards last week.

The train left Prineville Junction at seven in the evening, and twelve hours later was unloading at the stockyards.

### LYRIC PIPE ORGAN ARRIVES

The \$7000 pipe organ which J. B. Sparks of the Sparks Amusement Co. promised for the patrons of the Lyric theatre, has at last arrived, and is being installed in the theatre. It was planned to have it ready for the Christmas shows, but it will not be for use until next week, so it will be played for the first time at the New Year's performances.

Pipe organs are very popular in movie houses all over the country, and by the installation of this one, the Lyric becomes one of the most up-to-date show houses in Central Oregon.

There are some girls who can't be bluffed! Polly Hopkins is one of them. Mildred Harris Chaplin in the stirring story of "Polly of the Storm Country," coming Dec. 29.

### LOCAL GREENHOUSE TO OPEN UP SOON

Prineville's new green house, being constructed by Joseph Townsend on his property in Hyde Park, will be ready to operate next week, he says.

The building is 20x90 feet and has a hot water heating plant.

A planting of quick growing vegetables and some kinds of flowers will be made, perhaps next week, and the plant will be in full operation before the season is over.

### THE COMMUNITY TREE

Unless bad weather makes it impossible, the community Christmas tree will be erected, illuminated and otherwise decorated, at the corner of Main and Third Streets next Saturday night.

The program will start at six-thirty, and will be under direction of Rev. Gallaher and W. P. Hershay, and shortly after that Santa may be expected to arrive for the distribution of the well-filled candy sacks which the citizens of Prineville have made possible for all the children of the county. The Elks of Prineville have charge of the tree, and the whole affair is sure to be a success from start to finish.

### JOURNAL WRITER SEES CHRISTMAS

(By Robert Osborn)  
Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—Well, here it is that "once a year" when it is Christmas. The very atmosphere reminds me that my subscription to the Journal depends upon an occasional waste of space and I make haste to keep my name on the 1921 list. Gee whizz, it is almost New Year's, too. Can you beat the way time flies? The first thing you know the Ochoco project will be all inhabited, Prineville will have a paved street, a fire department, a big mill and a payroll, but this isn't talking Christmas.

How do I know, how does anyone know it's the time of year when tinsel, strings of popcorn, jolly bells, gifts and all that, is here? Pahawi! a glance at the daily paper will show you. Miles and miles of ads tell you what to get for mother and sister and dad and everybody else. Funny isn't it how the merchants think up from a kitchen range to a thumb tack and label it a "gift." There's one thing certain, it takes a lot of advertising to get the business at this season. Portland shops report a lot of "looking" but little buying.

It is quite a joy these evenings to go window shopping. All of the shops are dressed up in their holiday best and the goods on display are attractive, very much so when you find that price reductions ran from 25 to 50 percent. All joy disappears however, when you try to shop on the inside. Such jams I never did see before. I do not see why people don't rebel against promiscuous giving, I mean "swapping" of presents, and make it only Christmas for those who believe in Santa. (Your pocket book no doubt tells you that it is Christmas, also.)

Portland theaters are all dressed up in holiday garb. The principal movie-houses have attractive stage sets and midnight shows for New Years are being advertised. There will probably be more midnight parties now that Palmer has stated it is not unlawful to have hard cider in the house!

On top of everything else that is Christmasy, including students home for the holidays, cards, packages, cross shop girls and mail men, you are, no doubt, being asked to buy Christmas Seals. Of the latter indication of the season I am the most certain, for I have been doing nothing for three months but eating, drinking, dreaming, thinking, miles and square miles of Christmas Seals, as director for the sale in Oregon.

In spite of the many drives for money and in spite of the general financial situation the sale is going mighty fine and indications point to the largest sale ever, and if so, I may have a job after the first of the year, otherwise.....

Following my "Journey" in eastern Oregon, this summer, I started to organize counties for the Seal sale. I had an interesting jaunt down the Columbia to Astoria, and later I hope to have the time to write more about the trip. The lower Highway is now completed, making Astoria and the beaches easily accessible. After making nearby counties, my next jump was up the Willamette valley and into southern Oregon.

I had the rather doubtful pleasure of staging over four hundred miles into Klamath Falls and Lakeview and back in the coldest sort of cold weather. Over in Lakeview I ran onto Harold Charlton again and had dinner with him and the sheriff. They had just rounded up some bootleggers, so naturally the town took me for another federal agent. No one offered me a drink during my stay in town!

I saw Seth Dixon at the White  
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AY OUR READERS FEEL that in our hearts and minds are gratitude and good thoughts for you during every day of the year; but Christmas hallows our sentiments and makes their expression fitting and timely.

Such as we have accomplished and such good as may be traceable to our efforts would not have been possible without your sustaining power and co-operation. If in any sense we have upheld a beacon, you have supplied oil for the lamp. If ours has been a chariot, yours has been the motive element which has kept it on its way.

All characters appealing to or endeavoring to entertain the public, must be given a certain meed of applause or they cannot exist. With those engaged in publishing a newspaper, the applause comes in the interest which readers manifest in its columns and in an occasional word of approval. The practical help of subscribers and advertisers has enabled us to maintain a publication standard; their encouragement has furnished the degree of pleasure necessary as an incentive to our daily tasks.

May the spirit of Christmas work for you the full degree of its hounthfulness. May you be enabled to get the same amount of pleasure and benefit from these columns that we have derived from making them.

THE PUBLISHER.