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ST. NICHOLAS TURNS OVER A FEW OF HIS LETTERS TO THE COURIER TO READ

REQUESTS VARIED AND WEIRD

Jolly Patron of the Yuletide Season Puzzled as to Best Way to Fill Strange Orders Sent In

Because there wasn't any late council meeting Wednesday night of this week, the Courier staff thought it would get a chance to go home early for a change. The staff had just turned out the lights and bade itself goodnight, and was about to lock the front door, when there, and a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer dragged itself through the mud and pulled up in front of the door. Out of the sleigh jumped a portly gentleman with a mailbag in his hand, and abruptly pushing the staff ahead of him, he invaded the Courier office.

"See here, you," he said, "you got to help me with this stuff. I just went down to the postoffice to get my mail, and I found the queerest mass of letters in the box I ever saw. You read 'em and tell me what to do."

And so saying he tossed a bunch of notes down on the editorial desk, pulled on the electric lights, and waited for advice. The first letter was written on stationery bearing the embossed heading of a powerful corporation, and read as follows:

"Dear Santa Claus: This year, but what we do want we want mighty bad. Please see that we get it. All we want is a water-tight fence around the falls and basin of the Willamette and a bunch of dynamite bombs for jitneys. Please don't fail."

The letter was unsigned. Santa Claus said he couldn't guess whom it was from, and asked our help. We looked the letter over carefully and finally referred the good Christmas saint to Councilmen Meyer and Templeton, whom we believed could give him the information he wanted.

The next letter was written on scented note paper, and read as follows:

"S. Claus, Esq., North Pole, Dear Sir: The undersigned respectfully requests you to deliver to his residence in Oregon City not later than 1 a. m. on the morning of December 25th, 1915, all the popularity that you can obtain. The undersigned is going to run for office, and needs it in his business. Aside from popularity he doesn't require anything else, as he can furnish his own advertising and nerve. Yours very truly, Hon. Chris."

"Who is this 'Hon. Chris' guy," asked Santa Claus. We suggested that perhaps he was the "city attorney" of the county seat.

The next letter that puzzled Santa wasn't a letter at all—it was a postcard, and on it was written:

"Dear Pal: You needn't send me anything much this year. I'm pretty well supplied with everything I need, and I'd rather you give any surplus gifts to those that need them more. Pass me up if you're crowded and I won't complain. What I haven't got I can get pretty easy, so scratch me off your list. Yours fraternally, George C. Brownell."

"Does he mean that," asked Santa Claus. We said he usually meant what he said.

Then in quick succession the jovial visitor shot the following letters at us:

"Dear Santa: Please put me on your private list this year, as I have (temporarily) retired from public life. All I want is lots of business and a falling off in the drugless healer game. Yours, JONES."

"Dear Mr. Claus: The fish you sent me last year were very nice. Please send me some more this year—a whole lot more. Yours, JACK. P. S.: You might leave me a couple of new nets and twelve boats, too."

"That's a modest one, isn't it," laughed our fat visitor.

The next letter read: "Dear old St. Nick: Please bring me a new toy, the lawnmower is worn out. Do this and I won't ask anything else. Yours as ever, Henry M. Templeton."

Then there was a postcard, which said: "Sant: If you want to be nice to a good boy, give me a jail full of prisoners. It's lonely downstairs now. Willie Wilson."

"Dear Mister," began the next letter, "Please be so good as to give me a large newspaper to print my stuff in. John Stark."

The next letter on the pile bore a foreign postmark, and was all covered with cancellation stamps. It said: "Hon. S. Claus, Sir: I appeal to you as the last person in the world from whom I may even hope to expect help. Mankind at large seems very bitter towards me just now. Would you please give me about 2,000 square miles of territory somewhere that I can have for my own, unmolesated for the next seven years? Yours humbly, The Demon Rum."

And there was also a letter written on the official stationery of the county seat. It read as follows:

BEATING THE LAW

Mail Order Booze Houses Find Way to Dodge Prohib Statute

The statewide prohibition law, which goes into effect in Oregon the first of the year, provides among other things that the sale of whiskey or other liquors shall not be publicly advertised in the state. Quite a number of the "mail order booze shops" have announced that they would dodge this law by sending circulars through the mails to a previously prepared "sucker list," and that they would defy Oregon officials to interfere with the United States mails.

While this plan may work, at least one California liquor house has found a better scheme, and has signed contracts with a number of Oregon newspapers for advertising rights through 1916. This enterprising establishment doesn't advertise liquor at all—it advertises "high grade merchandise." Larding itself for always carrying "the finest grade of merchandise, such as we have always handled," the importing firm asks all readers to "send for our catalogue." There is nothing in the advertisement that mentions liquor in any way—but the firm name is one that has long been identified with the liquor trade in the Northwest, so that the "knowing ones" will have no trouble understanding what is meant by "merchandise." It will be interesting to see if this dodging around the law will work when the state authorities get down to business.

THE MERRY JOKER

Congressman Hawley Introduces Bill for Publicity Purposes

Even the Oregon City Enterprise, the great Hawley organ of this neck of the woods, didn't "fall" very hard for the latest manifestation of activity on the part of Congressman Hawley, and the little story they had about his alleged gift of \$100,000 to Oregon City was neatly buried on an inside page. That shows just about what the thing is worth.

Mr. Hawley introduced a bill in congress providing for the construction of a federal building in Oregon City to cost "not to exceed the sum of \$100,000." Nobody expects congress to pass this bill; and probably nobody will imagine that Mr. Hawley thought there was any likelihood of its getting by. It is a bill, like many others, introduced to make people of a certain section "feel good," and to show that Congressman Hawley is "on the job." It will make good campaign material of the "Gawd-knows-I-tried" sort when Mr. Hawley runs for office again.

MRS. HARRINGTON DEAD

Tax Collector's Wife Succumbs to Operation in Portland

Mrs. Ora V. Harrington, the wife of Tax Collector George Harrington, died Tuesday afternoon at a Portland hospital, after failing to rally from an operation. Mrs. Harrington was formerly Miss Ora V. High, and was a native of Virginia. She was 40 years of age, and was married four years ago.

Mrs. Harrington was a trained nurse by profession, and had many friends and acquaintances in this section of the county, where she was exceedingly popular. The funeral will be in Portland.

The Courier has a full line of Legal Blanks for sale. If you are in need of Legal Blanks you will find that it will pay you to come to the Courier.

"To the Honorable Santa Claus: Esteemed Sir: Whereas it is necessary to the preservation of the public health, peace and safety of our city that this ordinance take effect immediately following its approval and signature by the mayor, now therefore, be it resolved that an emergency does exist, and Oregon City does ordain as follows:

"Section 1: For the betterment of our city we desire a greater confidence in our fair community, less knocking among our citizens, and a spirit of co-operation and good will among all.

"Section 2: That we further desire immediately to come into possession of our pure mountain water supply and all the benefits that will accrue from same.

"Section 3: That in order to obtain the goodwill of our neighbors and their trade, we hereby specifically request you to give unto each and every one of our citizens a greater spirit of goodwill and fairplay, more real boosting, more development along the lines of greatest good to the greatest number, and general betterment throughout.

"Section 4: We also want a public playground and recreation center.

"Passed this 25th day of December, 1915, and signed by the Mayor, Recorder, and all other City Officials."

"That seems like some form of a city ordinance, but I don't just understand all of it, though I get the drift of it," said Santa Claus.

"Cheer up," we replied, "that is quite usual with city ordinances. However, if you get the drift of it, that is the main thing."

"Yes, I get the idea," said Santa Claus, "Oregon City wants to be a better place all around. Well, I'll see what I can do for all these people. Much obliged for your assistance. Bye-bye—and greetings of the season."

FARMER'S WEEK PROMISES MUCH

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE PLANS MANY CONFERENCES FOR BENEFIT OF PUBLIC

MEETING LIKE GREAT SCHOOL

Midwinter Opportunity Offered During First Week of January for All To Get Valuable Pointers

More people than ever assembled in Oregon to consider means of improving agricultural, home-making and related affairs are expected to attend the annual Farmers' and Conference Week at Corvallis, January 3 to 8, inclusive. There were more than 2200 in attendance at last year's sessions and the majority of those intend to return this year and add as many others to their delegates as they can. Also the conference idea has been strengthened by experience and observation, so that the coming conferences have been materially enlarged both in scope and character.

There will be about a score of separate conferences held by those engaged in special phases of industry or business in Oregon, which will call for about three for each day of the week. Each conference will be held under the supervision of the College specialist who has the subject in his department work, and at each address will be made by some of the leading men and women of Oregon and of the entire United States, including several representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture. A partial list of conferences to date follows:

There will be two conferences on rural credits and organization at O. A. C. Farmers' Week, under the direction of Dr. Hector Macpherson, who was one of the American commissioners appointed to investigate rural organization and credits in Europe. He has just returned from an interesting national conference held at Chicago, in which legislation designed to reach to the root of rural needs was recommended. One conference will be on marketing legislation of other states, and one on rural credit legislation of other states. The dates have been set for January 4 and 5.

The Oregon State dairymen will convene on January 4, at which time also the Oregon Guernsey Breeders' Club will meet. The Holstein Breeders' Association, the Oregon Jersey Club and the Oregon Holstein-Friesian Club will meet on the same day. The Oregon Dairymen's Association will be in session for three days beginning January 5.

A boys' and girls' stock judging contest will be held at the College Armory during Farmers' Week.

A conference of Oregon butter and cheese makers will be held under the direction of Professor Simpson on Jan. 6 and 7. Here will be considered many phases of handling dairy products in the most sanitary, economical and profitable ways.

Another great industry, old yet new in its better phases, which will be treated in conference at Farmers' week, is potato growing, which will be taken up January 6.

The Good Roads Conference will sit Jan. 3 and 4, with Professor G. V. Skelton in charge.

Professor Scudder, who is one of the advisory officers of the pure seed commission, has called a conference of seed growers to meet January 5.

A poultry show in which will be shown the United States Government educational poultry exhibit of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, will be held every day of Farmers' Week.

A conference of ministers and other religious workers has been called by Professor Bessler to meet January 4 and 5.

Lectures on producing, handling and marketing fruit and other horticultural products will be given by the Horticultural division, and also during the week's program there will be conferences on pork raising, pests that bother growers of loganberries and prunes, home-making, public markets and farm and road drainage. The week will also be enlivened by the annual college horse-show, and there will be addresses by Governor Withycombe, A. J. Clover, editor of Hoards' Dairymen, E. C. Schraeder, Holstein breeder, and many others, each a well known specialist.

Worthless Cheque Passed

Some more or less clever person dropped into Brightbill's grocery, in the county seat, last Saturday night, bought five dollars worth of groceries, and tendered in payment thereof a \$22 cheque drawn on a Portland bank. The grocer gave the buyer the difference and then sent the goods to an address which had been given. At the address nobody wanted the groceries, and it later developed that the cheque was worthless. The police have a description of the man who gave the cheque.

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STRANGER THAN FICTION

Read This and See if You Don't Think It Might Be

They say "truth is stranger than fiction." Now if we started in to tell you a story about a policeman that hunted flies because he was working in a city where flies were few and very far between, you'd think we were making use of our imagination. However, we aren't going to tell you this: we are simply going to quote Special Agent Garrard Harris, of the U. S. Bureau of Domestic and Foreign Commerce. He probably doesn't exaggerate. Mr. Harris says:

"The visitor from the United States can not fail to be impressed with the absence of flies in Habana. A fly is a real rarity—so is a mosquito—and screens are not at all a necessity. The absence of these pests is simply the result of municipal cleanliness and care."

"Illustrating the general understanding of the necessity to watch out for breeding sources, Mounted Officer Pedro Sierra reported November 30 to the chief of sanitation that he had observed a plant in the Vedado (residential district) that apparently was a source of flies. The plant has a fruit resembling a fig, in which, Sierra asserts, larvae are to be found. He conducted some experiments himself, becoming convinced that the plant afforded a breeding place for the pests; then he so reported. If the experiments of the Department of Sanitation confirm him, undoubtedly an order will be issued for the destruction of all such plants in and around Habana; and, incidentally, Officer Sierra will be rewarded."

"There is no need for fly-swatting campaigns around the clean capital of Cuba. The sanitarians make flies an impossibility and confirm absolutely the doctrine that municipal cleanliness will prevent the appearance of flies altogether."

PIONEER DROPS DEAD

F. C. Miller Passes Away Suddenly at His County Seat Home

Shortly after rising from the luncheon table, Ferdinand C. Miller, of the county seat, dropped dead in his home from heart failure Tuesday afternoon. His daughter, Miss Clara Miller, rushed to his side, but could do nothing to aid her stricken father. Mr. Miller had been a resident of Oregon City for 40 years, and was well known throughout the county. Funeral services will be held at St. John's church late in the week.

Mr. Miller was a member of an Oregon City fire department 39 years, was head millright for the Portland Flouring Mills company and a member of the Deutscher Verein. He was born in Vienna, Austria, May 29, 1839, went to Cincinnati, Ohio, with his wife, 47 years ago, moving a few years later to Oregon.

He is survived by three daughters, Misses Frances, of Portland, Rose and Clara of this city, and three sons, Fred, of Powell River, B. C.; Theodore, an electrician in this city, and Otto, who is in San Francisco visiting.

MISSING MAN SOUGHT

Desertion of Adam N. Eve Furnishes Fun for U. S. Marine Corps

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Efforts made to locate the descendants of Adam N. Eve, United States Marine Corps, who deserted January 13, 1811, from the command of Captain Anthony Gale at Philadelphia, Pa., have so far been unavailing.

"Probably beat it back to the Garden of Eden," facetiously wrote an Ohio Eve.

"Still raising Cain somewhere, no doubt," replied a member of the Texas branch who also disclaimed kinship with the original Adam.

"Growing apples in Oregon. I know him well," was the response from another Eve who was probably mistaken.

And now, the government agents directing the search, are of the opinion that certain points in the interrupted military career of Private Adam N. Eve, United States Marine Corps, will remain forever cloaked in mystery.

MRS. GRIFFIN SANE

Commission Refuses to Believe Charge Made by Tennant

Last Monday noon Mrs. O. W. Griffin, who owns the two-story house on Mollala avenue occupied by E. Gallinger and wife, called upon Mrs. Gallinger in regard to the payment of an electric light bill. Words followed and in the course of the discussion Mrs. Gallinger's glasses were broken and her lip was cut. Mr. Gallinger, returning to his home about that time put in a hurry call for the police, and Chief Shaw and assistants responded. The trouble was temporarily patched up.

Wednesday Mr. Gallinger had Mrs. Griffin brought before a sanity commission, and alleged that she had beaten up his wife and shown other signs of an unbalanced temperament. The sanity commission was unable to detect anything wrong with Mrs. Griffin, and so reported. The entire affair is said to be the outcome of ill-feeling between the owner of the premises and the tenants.

The Courier \$1.00 per year. Everybody is invited.

CROP VALUES IN NATION LOWERED

THOUGH GENERAL YIELD EXCEEDS THAT OF 1914, RECEIPTS ARE LESS

OREGON FARMERS WELL OFF

Prices Offered for Products of This State Generally Better than the Prevailing Average in East

While 1915 has been a banner year for crops, both in Oregon and in the nation at large, it has not been as prosperous a season as last year when a general average is taken. Crop production in Oregon this year aggregates in quantity about 17 per cent more than last year; but prices for the general run of produce average a trifle less than eight percent below the 1914 average, according to the government crop report issued December 17.

For the United States production this year aggregates in quantity about nine per cent more than last year. Prices December 1 average one per cent lower than a year ago, making total value of crop production on this basis about eight per cent less than last year; these estimates are based upon crops whose value in the late complete crop census represented 85 per cent of the value of all crops grown, and may be regarded as representative of all crops.

How the Oregon farmer has gotten off for the year is shown in detail below, as far as the principal crops of the state are concerned. The 33,000 acres of corn in the state gave a yield of 1,160,000 bushels, and the average price on December 1 was 82 cents. The average price of corn for the entire United States was 57 1/2 cents at the same time.

Nine hundred thousand acres of wheat in Oregon produced during 1915 twenty million bushels of wheat, and the Oregon farmer got 84 cents a bushel. The nation-wide average for wheat was 92 cents a bushel, so the Oregon wheat grower lost out. Last year's prevailing price for Oregon wheat at this time of the year was \$1.02.

Oregon had 365,000 acres planted to oats this year, and reaped a harvest of 16,100,000 bushels, for which the farmer got 37 cents if he was in on the December market. Wheat in the national average was quoted at 36.1 cents, so the Oregon man was ahead.

Barley from 130,000 acres in Oregon totalled 4,680,000 bushels this year, and the prevailing December price was 62 cents. The national average was 51.7 cents, showing Oregon ahead again of the game.

During the year 414,000 bushels of rye were harvested in Oregon, from 23,000 acres; and the Oregon price was 90 cents. The average for rye for the nation at large was 83.9 cents.

Bad luck with potatoes last year discouraged Oregon farmers from paying so much attention to spuds in 1915, and only 48,000 acres were given over to the tubers. Yet the yield was 5,520,000 bushels—nearly a million more bushels than in 1914. The average Oregon price December 1 was as low as last year, 60 cents a bushel. The average in the United States was 61.9 cents.

With a reduced acreage given to hay in Oregon this year—850,000 acres as against 858,000 in 1914, the crop was nearly the same, being 1,870,000 tons. Hay averaged \$9.50 per ton in December in Oregon, while the national average price was \$10.70 per ton.

The December report shows that all things considered, Oregon did as well this year as other sections; and in some commodities she did decidedly better.

LEVY IS 34.5

County Seat Property Owners Get Hit Pretty Heavily

Every property owner in the county seat will have to pay \$34.50 on each thousand that he has invested, according to the tax levy for the city and county for the coming year. This is 20 cents less than last year; but that is about all that can be said in its favor. The 34 1/2 mill levy is made up of 10 1/2 mills for city tax, 6 mills school tax, 3 1/2 mills general county tax, 3.22 mills state tax, 8 mills road tax and 3.28 mills county school tax.

In addition there is a little tax of 1.2 mills for high school tuition, which is a new decoration for the tax bills this year, and which is designed to pay the tuition of children attending standard high schools, but living outside of standard high school districts. This won't hit Oregon City to any noticeable extent.

Open Meeting to be Held

There will be a general meeting of the board and stockholders of the Canby Co-operative Cheese and Produce company, held at Canby at the cheese factory, on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1915, at nine o'clock. Everybody is invited.

KELLY TAKES BATH

Master Fish Warden Has Early Morning Adventure in River

H. Leighton Kelly, master fish warden, took a 40-foot swim in the icy waters of the Willamette, just below the falls, Saturday morning before dawn. At the time he wore a heavy overcoat and a pair of rubber boots, and had it not been for George Brown, Mr. Kelly might still have been in the river. As Brown said: "It was a lucky thing Kelly was a friend of mine, or I never would have pulled him into the boat."

These sentiments on Mr. Brown's part were due to the fact that Fish Warden Kelly and a deputy were endeavoring to arrest Brown and Alec Douthit for fishing with nets between the suspension bridge and the falls. Deputy Warden Clark, who was assisting Mr. Kelly in the case, had even a more exciting time than did Kelly. Brown and Douthit had just rowed in to the shore when Clark called upon them to surrender. Before anything else happened Clark made a leap for the boat, and in so doing fell over Brown, who was sitting in the stern. In the mixup that followed Clark got into the water along side of the boat, and it is reported that Brown held him there by his hair and at convenient intervals doused him beneath the surface. Douthit, at the same time, started rowing out into the river.

Fish Warden Kelly then made his leap for the boat, missed it by several feet, and swam after it, in spite of the heavy clothing that he wore. After Brown saw that Kelly was the other man in the water he reached out and pulled him in, and subsequent to this the arrest was completed.

Brown and Douthit will appear for trial in Justice Sievers' court Thursday afternoon. The case is the first arrest under the new Gill law, designed to preserve the waters immediately adjacent to the falls for amateur fishing, or for fishing with a line only.

BRIEF SESSION HELD

Oregon City Council Hurries With Its Routine Business

Oregon City's city fathers met in special session Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock and passed an ordinance establishing the grade of a part of John Adams street, over which a damage suit against the city is pending.

Remonstrances on the proposed improvement of Division street were referred to the street committee, which will hold a special meeting Monday afternoon to consider them.

An extra week's pay was voted to Chief of Police Ed Shaw for the second week of his vacation. Chief Shaw only took a lay-off of one week last summer, and the extra pay was for the week he worked. The council also voted to give City Health Officer Norris \$15 additional for the months of October, November and December for the extra work of acting as registrar of births and deaths.

There was no discussion of the proposed sale of the old filtration plant. It is reported that the Hawley Pulp & Paper company has signified its willingness to permit the city to occupy quarters in its new building, so that the present equipment will not have to be disturbed. Mayor-elect Hackett has held out for this all along, and with this agreement understood, it is said that Mr. Hackett will withdraw his objection to the sale of the land covered by much of the present plant.

PIPE LINE BREAKS

Filtration Plant Put in Service to Give County Seat Water

Oregon City's "South Fork" steel pipe line fell victim to the heavy storm that raged over the Northwest the early part of the week, and early Wednesday morning ceased delivering water in Oregon City for the second time since it has been completed.

Late Wednesday evening a report of Engineer Rands was made public, to the effect that the torrential downpour had washed away the earth under a certain section of the pipe line, permitting the big steel tubes to sag at a joint; and that the force of the water had blown out the lead used to seal the ends of the lengths of pipe where they met. Mr. Rands and a crew of men were working on the break, and hoped to get it repaired so that the pipe line could be put in use Thursday afternoon.

HOBSON SECOND CHOICE

Methodist Epworth Leaguers Don't Think Much of Probi Light

Richmond Pearson Hobson isn't so much after all, if the opinion of people who attended an entertainment given by the Epworth League of the First Methodist church of Oregon City is any criterion. At the entertainment a debate was held on the subject: "Resolved, that Henry Ford is a more useful citizen than Richmond Pearson Hobson."

The affirmative, defended by Ellison Hoye, won. The negative was in the hands of Kent Moody. After the debate, just to make sure of the sentiment of the meeting, a vote was taken, and Ford got 24 votes while Hobson polled but 21.

The Methodist church being a stronghold of prohibition sentiment, it appears that Hobson didn't make such an impression after all when he visited the county seat recently.

CITY IS 93 PER CENT RELIGIOUS

CHURCH CENSUS REVEALS BUT 62 FAMILIES WITHOUT CREED AFFILIATION

FIVE PEOPLE SCORN WORSHIP

Preliminary Returns Made by Enumerators Show Sentiment Largely in Favor of Christianity

Five of Oregon City's churches recently united in taking a religious census of the county seat, and a preliminary report on the 997 homes visited was made this week, and given to the Courier through the courtesy of the Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the Baptist church. There are still two hotels and about 75 homes which the enumerators will have to visit before a final report can be made; but the figures so far secured are interesting from many points of view.

Sixty-two families in the county seat reported that they had no church affiliation; and five people who were asked to give their church leanings said that they didn't believe in Christianity at all, and that the churches were a lot of grafting propositions.

Out of the 997 homes visited, it was found that 174 contained families affiliated with the Baptist church; and 132 families claimed allegiance to the Catholic faith. Family membership in other churches appear as follows in the reports of the enumerators:

Methodist, 128; Presbyterian, 125; Congregational, 77; Episcopalian, 61; Lutheran, 44; Christian Science, 41; Christian, 23; United Brethren, 20; Pentecostal, 18; Adventist, 12; Evangelical, 7; Latterday Saints, 6; Primitive Baptist, 4; Apostolic Faith 2; and Spiritualist, 2. There is one Unitarian family, one Quaker and one Christian Adventist.

Enumerators will go out again after the Christmas holidays and canvass the hotels and those homes which either were not visited, or where no response was had from ringing the doorbell.

The list refers solely to homes visited, and the enumerators say that each home averaged five people to a family. Incidentally if this is correct the population of Oregon City is approximately 4,990.

Politicians will probably be glad to study this church census, as it contains material for a pretty close figure on the reasonable support that may be expected for candidates and measures. Aside from that the census is interesting as showing the relative strength of the different churches in this neighborhood; and in showing the number of people who have no regular church home in the county seat—either because they have no special preference, or because a church of their denomination does not exist in Oregon City.

WOE FOR CARRIERS

Rural Delivery Job Not All Pleasure This Season of Year

This is a good time of the year to be nice to the rural mail carrier, and to leave cigars or other things for him in the tin box in front of the farm gate.

This is the time of the year when the rural carrier works overtime taking Christmas cheer to the different farms from the old folks back East; it is the time of the year when the rural carrier has to be out in all kinds of weather, and when he has to spend more energy than a wholesale butcher slaughtering pigs.

This is the time of the year when everybody wants the rural carrier to feel like cussing him if he doesn't get to their house first, and when they leave all the packages he has with him. Try to be as easy on him as you can, and remember that you can make his Christmas as happy as he is making yours if you will give him some little token of appreciation. The rural carrier is working for you all the time, and ought to be remembered.

FRITZ PLEADS GUILTY

Belle Hotel Proprietor Admits He Sold Liquor to Minors

Fritz Boysen, proprietor of the Hotel Belle, at Milwaukie, appeared in circuit court Saturday morning and pleaded guilty to the indictment returned against him by the grand jury, charging the sale of liquor to minors. Mr. Boysen was fined \$300 and court costs, making the total expense of his pleading guilty \$314.20. After paying the fine he departed for Milwaukie.

In entering a plea of guilty Mr. Boysen not only paid into the county treasury a neat little sum of money, but he helped clear up the criminal calendar of the circuit court and saved the county the expense of a prolonged jury trial. His plea also reflects credit upon Prosecuting Attorney Hedges, whose preparation for the case was so complete in every way that counsel for Mr. Boysen deemed it best not to fight the issue.