

Among the common people in Japan Coleman, New Year's festivities are of an important character. The preparations Kilmer, begin about the middle of December, Vanora. and two or three days before the mouth Pelton, is ended the fronts of houses are cov-Madras, ered with emblematic decorations. At each door there are planted in vases filled with earth great branches of pine and of bamboo, and from one end to another of the projecting roof is stretched a garland of plaited straw. This is a very antique custom, and in the middie of the twisted straw there are usually hung as trophies a citron, a lobster, some seaweeds, ferns and green leaves from the izourika tree, each of the objects having an auspicious meaning for the occupants of the house. The temples are opened on New Year's night, and the faithful there seek the fire to cook the zoomi, a sort of rice cake, with a sauce called misso, which is composed of haricots of fermented oats and of salt. This is the first repast of of Sisters, Oregon, who, on October of Madras, Oregon, who on November the year and is eaten before the sun rises.

Isolated Tract.

88.3 Public Land Sale No. 06777. United States Land Office, The Datles Oregon, 95.3 Dec. 31 1910. Notice is hereby given 100.2 that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under pro-104.4 110.7 visions of Act of Congress approved June

27, 1906, Publi - No. 303, we will offer

li-m C. Barber, John Saxton, William O. Raiston and John Harrington all of er at his office at Madras, Oregon, on Culver, Oregon. C. W. Moore.

Claimant names as witno-ees; Wil-

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FOR SALE-At the Pioneer

Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissi in March 22, 1911, below the and Receiver at the United Stat the 24th day of March, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Roy filed December 27, 1910, stim

M Newell, Charles W. Parrish and which show that after do John F. Church, of Haycreek, Oregon, personal service of this notes

Conundrums.

What is the difference between a cry-baby and an umbrella? Well, an umbrella you can shut up.

What is the difference between a light in a cave and a dance in an inn? One is a taper in a cavern; the other is a caper in a tavern.

What is the difference between a boy looking upstairs and one going up? Oregon. One is stepping upstairs; the other is staring up steps.

Why is a lemon stick like a race horse? Because the more you lick it the faster it goes.

A Gift For Mother.

Something that a little hand can make for mother for Christmas would be "lifters" or pads to use in working around the stove. These can be made of any heavy material, folded, or can be made of several layers of thinner stuff. You can sew the edges of these together with your smallest stitches. These lifters are easily made and are really useful. A half dozen of them put in a pretty box will please mother and save many ugly burns.

Digging For Fish.

The natives of certain parts of India are in the habit every year in the summer of digging the dry river banks for fish, which they dig out by hundreds, just as they would potatoes. The mud lumps are broken open, and the fish, perhaps eight inches or ten inches long, will always be found alive and often frisky, as if just removed from its supposedly native element-the water.

New Year Bells. See the children gayly go As the bells are ringing 'Cross the country, white with snow, Their happy voices singing.

'Tis New Year's morn, and they're away To church beyond the hill, And there they meekly, humbly pray To do their Master's will.

Sin is a foe that all must fight, For he's lurking everywhere, And each must war with all his might, Using good resolve and prayer.

For the strongest weapon we can use Against our common foe To make him to our victory yield In righteoushess, you know.

HAVING-lately settled in Oregon at public land sale, to the highest idwould like to hear from owners of farms, dry or irrigated: grazing or the following tract of land, towit: timber lands. Want something swinwit, sec 18, tp 10 s, r 14 s. that will turn into money within the next three or four years. Only replies from owners considered. Address B, care of Madras Pioneer.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, Feb. 10, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, 1911. Notice is hereby given that February 9, 1911. OLA LARSON

26, 1905, made Homestead, No. 14755 11, 1904, made Homestead Eutry, No. Serial, No. 03732, for seinwi, swi,ne% | 18966 Berlal, No. 03373, for eiswi, awi net swit, nwitet, Sec. 8, tp 12 s, 1 12 e, sei and swinet Sec, 17, tp 11s, r 14 e, w. W. ID.,

has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land ab we described, before Warren Brown, County Clerk, at his office, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 18th day of March, 1911. Claimant numes as witnesses: Lewis C. Clover, Walter J. Hinrichs, Bobert E. Jordon

and Robert Clover, all of Sisters, C. W. Moore, Register. f16-mf6

der, st 9:45 o'clock a. m , on the 13rd day of February, 1911, at this office, w m. Any persons claiming adversely the above-describ d lands are adolsed

to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for C. W. Moore, Register. j12-f16

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Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Notice is hereby given that

William A. Pullen

m. has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof to establish claim to the land de-cribed, before Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Madras, Oregon, on the 20th day of March, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: Andrew Pierson, George S. Mayes, Charles H. Tunstali, and George W.

Bankin, all of Madras, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register f16 m16

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Office in The Dalles, Oregon.

