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to get a line on the situation."

And old Kriss laughed so heartily that the sleigh rocked back and forth and the reindeer became restive.

"My but it's warm down here, and I believe I'll be moving north again before I melt." The news man offered him an Owl, but with a merry "thank you, I never smoke," the reindeer leapt into the traces and old Santa had left Madras until Christmas eve.

The Christmas spirit in Madras is just as great this year as ever before. The stores have enjoyed a good trade and every little boy and girl, sweetheart and beau, and papa and mamma will find something in their stocking on Christmas morning.

Both the Christian and Methodist churches have provided an entertainment for Saturday evening.

The Methodist church people have announced that Santa Claus will arrive there at 8 o'clock Saturday eve and will bring with him Old Uncle Crusty, this latter fellow is one of Santa's assistants and he will take the presents off the tree and distribute them among the boys and girls. The cantata, "Santa Claus in Slumberland," will also be produced. No admission will be charged and you are especially requested to be present.

A lengthy program has been provided for the Christian church and they will also have a Christmas tree loaded down with goodies for the children.

Following is the program arranged for the Christian church:

Song	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"	Rev. Hysom
Invocation		
Song	"Beautiful Christmas"	Ruth McTaggart
Recitation		Percy Culp
Recitation		Father Xmas
Song		Hazel Tucker
Recitation		Goldie Hardy
Song	Christmas Bells	Lyle Hardy
Recitation		Morris Milner
Song	Hail Christmas Morn	Maurice Snook
Recitation		Nita Davis
Song	Christmas Story	Ruth Barclay
Recitation		Mrs. Hardy
Solo		Gweneth Davis
Recitation		Roscoe Crosby
Pantomime		Christmas Eve

Rev. Pacey has announced special services for Sunday and Christmas Day at the M. E. church. Two sermons on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., and on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock a. m. They extend a welcome to all.

The festivities in Madras will close with a grand ball at Sanford's hall in the evening given by the Madras Dramatic club.

DRILLERS WORKING AT MOORE RANCH

Tired of Hauling Water, Well Known Farmer Employs Men and Machine to Sink Well

Another rancher who is tired of hauling water in this section, has decided that he will endeavor to secure enough for domestic purposes by drilling a deep well.

Albert Moore last week let a contract to the Central Oregon Well Co., to sink a well several hundred feet deep if necessary. The machine was moved out to Mr. Moore's ranch, about eight miles southeast of Madras, the latter part of the week and work was commenced Monday.

Porter Ashley is able to be around again after being laid up for the past ten days with a fractured rib and other minor injuries received in an accident.

LEAP YEAR DANCE IS THE BEST EVER

Ladies Will Have Entire Charge, Even to Buying the Supper—Gentlemen Admitted Free

The Madras dancing fraternity is looking forward with eagerness to the Leap Year ball at Sanford's hall January 12. The matter was taken up at the last meeting of the Dramatic Club and partial arrangements formulated.

A Leap Year ball only happens every now and then and is one of the most interesting events of the dancing world. On that night the ladies have entire charge, the gentlemen taking their place along the wall and they only get a chance to dance when asked by the ladies. The ladies have to dig up the price of a ticket while the men are admitted free. The lady escorts her partner to supper, and for once in her life pays the bill.

My gracious, Percy, just think of it! Lady floor managers?

Nothing to do but stick around and wait till you're asked to dance. And they've promised not to be bashful about it either.

And then if a cute little dame, with big blue eyes, that you had never met in your life before should ask you for a dance, would you turn her away with the cold, cruel information that "I don't believe I have ever met you?" Not on your life. Don't be afraid to ask any of them, girls, it's a safe bet you'll always get the glad hand.

Further particulars about the Leap Year ball will be printed next week.

ASHLEY BROS. WILL HANDLE WOOD AND COAL

If Venture Proves Successful They Will Deal in All Kinds of Fuel on an Extensive Scale

Ben and Porter Ashley, under the firm name of Ashley Bros., have opened a wood and coal yard at the O.-W. R. & N. depot and will deliver coal to patrons in any part of the city. They will handle the Rock Springs lump coal, which is considered one of the best grades mined in the west. They will also handle wood in any quantity. These boys have taken advantage of the opportunity to build up an extensive wood and coal business and will no doubt get their share of patronage. They have started off right by placing an ad in the local paper.

Mrs. Sarah Coburn

Mrs. Sarah Coburn, a well known Culver lady, died at her home in the latter town last Friday from cancer of the stomach, a malady that has afflicted her for several years. The deceased has been a resident of Culver for about seven years and enjoyed the acquaintance of a large circle of friends. About a year ago she underwent an operation and for a time her health came back, but the cancerous growth returned again, and for several months before her death she suffered intensely.

Besides the husband, three children are left to mourn her loss. George Coburn of Missouri, William Coburn of Youngs, Ore., and Miss Ida Millering of Culver.

The funeral was held Sunday at the family residence, interment being at Gray Butte cemetery.

RANCHER CHARGED WITH CATTLE RUSTLING

Donald Garrett Arrested Last Saturday

OTHER ARRESTS PROBABLE

Plaintiffs in Case Are Well Known Trout Creek Ranchers—Boy's Father Says Spite Work

On a warrant charging him with unlawfully killing cattle, Donald Garrett, a young homesteader in the Blizzard Ridge country, was arrested last Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Yancy of Prineville. The warrant was issued at the instance of Messrs. Bidwell Cram, H. L. Friday and W. W. Brown, well known ranchers in the lower Trout Creek country, who claim they have been victims of cattle rustlers for some time.

J. H. Garrett, father of the boy under arrest, who is also a well known rancher on Trout Creek, said today on his return from Prineville, that the whole affair was entirely circumstantial and that he didn't believe the evidence thus far produced was sufficient to hold his son.

Other individuals against whom suspicion rests as being connected in the deal are Judd McPherson, Claude Lewis and a man named Simmons, the latter two being employed at the McPherson ranch. Neither of these three can be located and it is understood that McPherson is at present in Portland.

The plaintiffs allege that they found hides with their brand on at the homestead of young Garrett and they also claim to have found hides with their brand on in a canyon about four miles from his homestead near the Baylis ranch. They also allege that Garrett brought the meat to Madras and sold it at a price below the market.

It is also alleged that a calf belonging to one of the plaintiffs was found in McPherson's barn with his brand on it while the mother of the calf had been slain, the head having been found in the hog pen, identification being placed on a missing horn and a blind eye.

The elder Mr. Garrett says he believes the arrest of his son is for the most part spite work. The boy was released only a few months ago from the penitentiary where he had been serving a five year sentence for forging a check, and Mr. Garrett claims he has witnesses to prove that enemies of the boy passed the remark after his parole that they would put him back in the pen within three months.

It is hoped that more complete details can be obtained for next week's issue. All of the parties connected with the proposition are well known and both sides are watching the case with interest.

At present young Garrett is confined in the county jail at Prineville awaiting a hearing.

John Conroy, who has been spending a couple of months at the home of his parents at Vancouver, B. C., returned to Madras Saturday evening. John says that Vancouver is a nice town, but that the climate is a tough dose to take after being in Central Oregon several years. The best time to take it is in the spring of the year.

Santa Claus in Madras Better Than Ever

Santa Claus Was Here Day Last Week

AM AT CHURCHES

Promised Every Good Little Boy—Grand Ball Will Close Festivities

Santa Claus will be here again Friday night and before he leaves all the good little boys in Madras will have

some token of his annual visit.

Santa was here a short time the other evening, sizing up the situation, and while his reindeer stopped at the new O.-W. R. & N. well for a drink, Santa volunteered the following news to a representative of The Pioneer:

"Central Oregon this year is a problem that I hadn't quite figured on," said Santa. "You see, the world is getting a little bigger every year, and my long experience has taught me to make allowances for an ordinary increase in each locality. I had

been reading about the wonders of Central Oregon, saw Tillman Reuter's exhibit pictured in the Pioneer, heard the whistle of the locomotive and saw visions of an experiment farm at Madras. My visit was to get an idea of how many presents it would take to go around. The last time I was here I had a good view of the country from the top of Grizzly and it was an easy matter to count the few houses dotting the landscape here and there, but this year there are so many I had to make a trip ahead of time