

COOS BAY TIMES

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HELP FOR SANTA CLAUS

THE greater blessing of giving instead of experiencing the delight of receiving forms the chief expression of the real spirit of Christmas. What a pity it is then, that every year there is so much giving that carries nothing from the heart, and so much receiving, that it is like signing a note.

Thoughts like these are suggested by the numerous replies that have come to The Times office from its published Santa Claus coupon. While there are not many families in dire distress or need, there are homes where there will be empty stockings and sad little hearts on Christmas morning, unless some good and generous hearted souls provide the means. A number of Marshfield's genuine good fellows have promised to assist in providing Christmas Cheer for these unhappy homes, but there are so many cases and in some instances so many articles, such as clothing and shoes will be required in addition to food and toys that the Times is constrained to make an appeal to the generous people of Marshfield to aid in this noble work. It is, however, to be a genuine heart offering. There is to be no subscription lists, no publicity, no names. This call is for a purely voluntary offering from those who feel that they would like to help in a cause that is most worthy.

I mind me of Jeanie Deans, the poor Highland lass in Scott's "Heart of Midlothian," said to Queen Elizabeth, to present to whom in London, her pitiful petition, she had walked all the way from the braes of Balquhider: "An' when the hour of trouble comes, as comes it does to maist of us; and when the hour of death comes, as comes it does to all of us, it is not what we ha' done for oursel's, but what we ha' done for others that we think on maist pleasantly."

Some of the letters telling of cases of real need are pitiful in their portrayal of conditions. To help these needy ones, clothing for boys from 3 to 15 years will be required, and clothing for girls from two years to 16. Toys for the little tots will be welcomed.

Would it not be giving that would be worth while, to remember these needy ones on Christmas day, and let a little of the light and cheer of your happy home overflow into these cheerless abodes where gaunt want makes gloomy the gladdest day of all the year.

The distribution of these gifts and donations will be in charge of a committee of three well known Marshfield men, who want no other reward than that of doing a little good in a quiet and unostentatious way. All donations of cash, clothing or Christmas articles and toys may be left at the Times office with assurance that they will be properly cared for and be placed where most good will result.

Would such giving not be better than sending presents to people who would be embarrassed by the thought that they must send one back that will be equally as good and cost equally as much.

Make this Christmas a day that we shall remember with a smile in days to come, because it was so full of heart's sunshine, and because hands were extended in heartfelt help to a little child.

PREFERS THE CANNIBALS.

AMAZING is the contribution to current philosophy for which the venerable Episcopal bishop, Rev. Alfred Willis, is given credit by an eastern newspaper, through which he talked to his people a few days ago.

Having spent thirty years at Tongo on the Friendly Islands, and being 76 years old, the bishop is confident that he has had the experience without which observations upon the life and customs of man is of uncertain value.

"I'm going back to Tongo," said this venerable churchman, after a week in London and a week in New York. "In a sense I am glad to go back for, sincerely, I feel safer there than in London or any other city. While the Friendly Islands group once was peopled with cannibals and scattered tribes of them are still found, we, who make our home there, in the main are in no fear of either natural savages or those who are the result of civilization."

For in Tongo there are no locks on the doors and no strong boxes for treasure and malignant disease is unknown. And when they who boast of civilization find the time, after guarding their treasure and fighting disease, to give it a thought, they may come to agree with the good bishop that human happiness can be found in London or New York or any place in the wide world where these things do not absorb the whole of life, as they must in the cities which civilization has built.

NO WORD FROM BRIDGE PERMIT

WAR DEPARTMENT HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED DECISION—SENATOR BOURNE WIRES ABOUT BAR.

No word has yet been received from Washington as to the decision of the War Department on the Southern Pacific's application to bridge the Bay. No excuse for the delay in the decision has been heard.

The Chamber of Commerce today received a wire from Senator Bourne stating that the last survey of the bar was being rushed. He quoted Capt. Robert as wiring that the bar dredge afforded the earliest means of relief with the possible exception of the natural sluicing of the bar.

Leaves Astoria.—The Breakwater crossed out from Astoria at 1 o'clock this afternoon. She should reach here early tomorrow.

No Property Deal.—W. S. Chandler stated today that there was no truth in the report that he was closing negotiations for the purchase of the Galestein property on South Broadway, just south of the site of the new building which he is to erect at the corner of Broadway and Central.

Gets Divorce.—Mrs. Mabel C. Masters this afternoon was granted a divorce from Charles Masters on the grounds of desertion. She was formerly Miss Mabel Bonebrake and is now employed at the Chandler cigar stand. Masters is in San Francisco operating the launch Dixie for the C. A. Smith Co.

Artistic Christmas goods, lowest prices, Walker's Studio.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.
If you wish to be good first believe that you are bad.—Epictetus.

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LIT' CHRISTMAS FELLER
De angels is a leanin' from de winders in de skies
Ter see de rosy dimples ez dey race,
W'en de lit' Chris'mas Feller wid de maw'nin' in his eyes
Is smilin' in his mammy's face.

LIT' Chris'mas Feller—
He'll never, never go
From de Chris'mas Country
Whar we lovin' of him so.

Wonder what he's thinkin' w'en he's settin' up so wise?
"He's de only angel 'round de place!"
So his mammy says w'en she sees de dimples play
Lak sunbeams w'en dey runnin' of a race.

LIT' Chris'mas Feller—
Don't you ever go
From de Chris'mas Country
Whar we lovin' of you so.
—Frank L. Stanton.

Are there any little folks in this town who will wake up the day Santa Claus comes, and find that he failed to find their house? Some good people might keep their eyes open.

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS
"Man born of woman is of few days and full of good intentions."

The supply of advice always exceeds the demand.

In India the cow is sacred. In this country it is the hen.

Nobody can ever expect to be as popular as a bright, smiling baby.

In Europe they worry about war; in this country the greater bother is the weather.

After reading much about the garden of Eden we have come to the conclusion that it was a lonely place.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has reserved twenty-five millions for use during his remaining years. That ought to be enough for a man of modest tastes.

Mr. Carnegie does not despair for the country. If there were no other hope, he would buy it.

The Texas onion is said to be too sweet. Try letting your fancy conceive that kind of an onion.

It now costs ten per cent more than it used to for a child to be born with a silver spoon in its mouth.

Woodrow Wilson does not care for reformed spelling. Evidently he is one of the few good spellers in this country.

OLDEST OREGON WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Maggie Adams, Widow of Indian Chief, Aged 115, Succumbs.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
BAY CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Maggie Adams, between 113 and 115 years of age, is dead at Garibaldi. She was a Clatsop Indian and when a young woman married the noted Chief Adams. She was the oldest woman in the state.

RUSH AT COQUILLE.

San Francisco Timber Locators Beaten by Coos County Men.

The Coquille Herald says: A story is going the local rounds which indicates that the far north is not the only scene of midnight stampedes, nor are rich gold diggings the only bonanzas for which men will grab their blankets and hit the trail on short notice. It seems that some San Francisco parties arrived here a few days ago with a bunch that there was a flaw in the scripping process by which the Smith-Powers company were holding a certain bunch of timber on the south fork of the Coquille. The object of the visitors was to file on the land. They quietly hunted up a timber cruiser, who was acquainted with the location, and made him an offer for his services in guiding them to the land. The cruiser stalled them off temporarily; then he made a secret whirlwind canvas among his relatives and friends, raised a party and left with them in the night. They visited the land, made location of practically all the claims and returned before the citizens of our sister state knew that they were left at the post.

SURGERY UPLIFT NEEDED.

Portland Man Scores Needless Operations.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 20.—Declaring that one of the darkest blots on the pages of surgery is the way needless, wanton and mutilating operations are performed in the name of that science, by inexperienced medical men, Dr. Kenneth A. J. MacKenzie, a well known surgeon of Portland, made a strong plea for the uplift of the profession in his presidential address at the first annual convention of the North Pacific Surgical Association.

"So limited are opportunities in medical schools for students to receive direct instructions in the practice of surgery, because of obvious difficulties, that the average graduate possesses rarely enough knowledge to proceed with the performance of the simplest surgical operation," said Dr. MacKenzie.

"It is held by those who have given careful thought to the subject that no graduate of medicine should practice surgery without having served as interne for at least one year and having assisted a surgeon in active practice for another year with added post-graduate experience."

VESSELS SAIL EARLY TODAY

All Except Nann Smith Able to Get Out Today After Slight Delay.

After being harbored for several days, the Redondo and Alliance sailed this morning, the former for San Francisco and the latter for Eureka. The steamers Hardy and G. C. Lindauer also sailed today.

The Nann Smith, which is drawing over 18 feet with her big cargo, did not get out but Capt. W. A. Magee hopes to cross out tomorrow. The bar was considerably smoother today. The Hardy was the first boat to cross out and the others followed. The Hardy was the first vessel to cross in the other day after the long rough spell.

General Manager Ward M. Blake of the Inter-Ocean Transportation Co., today was making special arrangements for the Redondo to make an especially quick trip in order that Santa Claus might not be delayed. He hopes to have the Redondo leave San Francisco on the evening of December 23 and reach here Christmas day with Christmas packages and supplies.

The Homer, which was to sail today, will not get away before tomorrow.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Glendale arrived in at Bandon this morning.

The steamer Alert will run in the place of the Rainbow for a few days. The Rainbow will undergo repairs.

The A. M. Simpson has finished taking on a cargo at the Porter and North Bend mills, and today sailed for San Pedro.

A Portland paper says that it will cost \$30,000 to put the Daisy Freeman, which formerly ran on the Columbia bar, in seaworthy condition.

The anchor chain for the new steam schooner of the Dodge Steamship Co., which is being built at North Bend, arrived this week. It weighs over six tons.

The steamer Homer was unable to finish loading freight here today in time to leave for San Francisco as was expected. She will sail early tomorrow.

A Portland paper says: "Capt. H. H. Robert, corps of engineers, U. S. A., will leave tonight for Seattle to inspect the Government bar dredge Colonel P. S. Machle, which is under construction at Seattle for the Coos Bay work."
George Johnson, formerly engineer on the gas schooner Wilhelmina, has rented the launch Beaver from Captain H. Olson and will continue to run the boat between Florence and Mapleton.—Florence West.

New Ship For Coast.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Of-

GO ON A MOTHER STRIKE

MISS BARNARD'S ADVICE

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—"Don't get married, girls; go on a mother strike until industrial conditions for women are better," was the appeal made at Jordan Hall this afternoon, by Miss Kate Barnard, prison commissioner of Oklahoma, where she is sometimes called "Oklahoma Kate."

"We have no need for more of our race as it is at present," declared Miss Barnard. "I have decided not to marry until women are far better off industrially and politically, and I am not an old woman either."

Miss Barnard is—well, perhaps she might be 30—or thereabouts, and she is very pretty.

COLLEGE PENNANTS and CUSHIONS at NOXTON & HANSEN'S TWO STORES.

Try The Times' Want Ads.

Special Sale of Initial Linen Handkerchiefs

SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS.

We have some fine Initial Linen Handkerchiefs that sold at 50 cents each, which we will sell

2 for 75 Cents

50c Neckwear 40c

Christmas Cutlery

ALL GUARANTEED POCKET KNIVES

50c Pocket Knives.....40c
75c Pocket Knives.....60c
\$1.00 Pocket Knives.....80c
\$1.25 Pocket Knives.....95c
\$1.50 Pocket Knives.....\$1.15
\$2.50 Pocket Knives.....\$1.95

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For HOLIDAY BARGAINS go to NORTON & HANSEN'S two stores, 215 Broadway St.

There's the Right Gift Here for Everybody to Give and Receive

Have you noticed what a distinct air of ease and satisfaction there is about this store, with all its busy-ness of Christmas?—the "I-am-getting-along-nicely-thank you" expression that beams from the many busy shoppers?

Xmas Buying at Magnes & Matson's Is Easy

because of the immense stocks, the splendid varieties, that systematic arrangement of stocks, the orderly and efficient organization, and the helpful features of this store's service that facilitate shopping, from buying the gift to preparing it for presentation and delivering it.

MEN'S AND BOYS' SECTION—

Stein-Bloch Smart Clothes and Overcoats,
Walk-Over and Hanan Shoes,
Stetson and Nonpareil Hats,
Fownes' Gloves Shirts for all occasions,
Christmas Combination Boxes of Ties and Hosiery
to match, from 50c to \$2.00.
Handkerchiefs and Neckwear,
Hundreds of Small, useful articles.

LADIES' AND MISSES' SECTION—

Ready-to-wear Garments, including—

Suits, Silk Waists, Silk Kimonas, Gloves, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, Underwear,	Coats, Lingerie Waists, Sweaters, Neckwear, Belts, Specially Boxed Hose, Dress Goods and Silks,
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