A Visit From Santa Claus

'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse.

The children were nestled
All snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums
Danced in their heads.

As I drew in my head
And was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas
Came with a bound.

He spoke not a word,
But went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings;
Then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger
Aside of his nose,
And giving a nod,
Up the chimney he rose.

But I heard him exclaim,
Ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all,
And to all a good night."

BULLFROG MINING CENTER JOINS GHOST TOWN LIST

TONOPAH, Nev., Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Rhyolite, the once thriving center of the Bullfrog mining boom of fourteen years ago, has taken its place among the "ghost towns" of the west. A Mrs. Dyer, proprietor of the Rhyolite Hotel and her son are the only permanent residents.

In the height of its prosperity, Rhyolite claimed a population of between 7,000 and 8,000 and was the center of a thriving region. Several buildings and substantial homes were constructed.

With the decline of the Montgomery-Shoshone and other mines controlled by the Schwab steel interests the prosperity of Rhyolite disappeared and now the wolves howl where once there was life and activity.

EUROPEAN RELIEF FUND MEETS GOOD RESPONSE

(East Oregonian Special.)

UMAPINE, Dec. 24.—The European Relief drive for funds to provide food for the starving children of Central Europe started last Tuesday in the Hudson Bay country with R. E. Bean and D. J. Kirk in charge. It is expected the quota assigned, $200, will be be raised by Wednesday night, but some delay may occur on account of the condition of the roads and so many of the people being away from home at this particular time doing doing their Christmas shopping. Few refusals have been encountered for aid and the only regret of many is their inability to give more to this worthy cause. Considering the fact that little hay has been sold in this community and the general depression the magnificient manner in which these subscriptions are being made speaks well for the people of the Hudson Bay district.

Prof. George R. Hyslop of the Oregon Agricultural College accompanied by Fred Beunion, county agent will be in Umapine on Monday evening Dec. 27 ad will speak in the hall at 7:30 upon the hay situation, prospective marketing conditions at the present time and future prospects. He will also explain the marketing conditions as existing in other parts of Umatilla county. All who are interested in hay are urged to attend this meeting.

MINERS TAKE WAGE CUT

GOOD SPRINGS, Nev., Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Employes of the Yellow Pine Mining Company here have voluntarily accepted a wage reduction of fifty cents a day, following a conference with Superintendent J. A. Frederickson, who submitted figures to prove that the company must operate at a lower cost or suspend. The company immediately made a ten per cent cut in board and arranged to reduce prices in the company store for men with families.

DROP IN RUBBER IS SERIOUS.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—To alleviate the distress in the Amazon region where the low price of rubber has caused appeals for assistance, the government proposes to facilitate the operation of the larger companies manufacturing rubber goods and also to offer inducements to small concerns. It also proposes to develop planting in the cotton and rubber producing areas.

EXPRESS COMPANY RISE IN CALIFORNIA REFUSED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—The railroad commission refused today to grant the American Railway Express company a 12 per cent increase in rates on the ground that the company had not produced facts to show that its business in California was conducted at a loss although the commission was convinced the system as a whole was operating at a tremendous loss.

The increase had been sought in order to make the California rates harmonize with those granted by the interstate commerce commission to meet a $22,000,000 wage increase over the entire system. Previous to the action of the national commission, the California commission had granted a 12 1-2 per cent advance to enable the company to meet emergency conditions.

STANDARD OIL PLANS TO INCREASE CAPITAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Stockholders of the Standard Oil Co. of California will be askell at a special meeting March 10, 1921, to authorize an increased capitalization of $15,000,000, to be sold and distributed to employes on the installment plan, it was announced today.

The proposed increase would raise the company's capitalization from $100,000,000 to $115,000,000. Proponents of the plan to sell the stock to employes plan to have the company pay employes a bonus for each share subscribed by them, the bonus to be added to the employe's subscription and to apply to the purchase price of the stock. Under the arrangements, it is expected that a great majority of the 19,000 employes will participate, K. R. Kingsury, president, said.

Stockholders also will be requested to authorize a reduction of the par value of the company's stock from $100 to $25 a share, four shares of the $25 stock to be exchanged for one share of the present $100 stock.

28 YEARS AGO

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Mrs. R. Alexander and children are in Baker on a visit.

Joseph Cunha, a native of Portugal, has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. He farms at Butter Creek.

John F. Adams is in the city from Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Cleaver of La Grande are herer today.

The Merchants' Carnival to be given tonight for the benefit of the Church of the Redeemer, is a worthy enterprise. Following are the ladies who will represent the various firms: Flora Morse, Cozzie Raley, Grace Welch, Jessie Nye, Mrs. Burroughs, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Waffle, Clara Ramage, Nannie Blachley, Jennie Brislin, Leiah McKay, Miss Fanning, Misss Camp Miss Campbell, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Stillman, Mrs. Sullivan, Lola Howard, Daisy Folsom, Alice Tullard, Miss Hal mo, Dickson, Bertha Smith, Kate Tillard, Myrtle Smith, Lizzie Starkweather, Effie Neal, Ann Cameron, Maud Crawford, Clem Worcester, Edna Crawford, Minnie Jones, Minnie Gillette, Elsie Beck, Ida Rose Mabel Matthews, Gertrude Whittemore, Nell Needham, Nancy Cameron, Grace Smith Grace Tillard, Lessie Moorhouse, Elsie Folsom, Maanah Switzler, Ida Thompson, Lora Sharon, Gussie Moorhouse, Angie Hicks, Lizzie Heathman, Essie Sargent, Edna Carlson and Augusta Freeman.

MANY JOIN Y. M. C. A.

A formal pledge of membership in the Y. M. C. A. was recently given to University of Oregon girls.

SOLDIER TUBERCULOSIS TO BE LISTED FOR AID

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Offices of the California Tuberculosis Association have started a campaign to have cases of all former soldiers, belived to have contracted tuberculosis, reported to state headquarters, Mrs. E. D. M. Tate-Thompson, executive secretary of the organization, announced here recently.

Discovery of an ex-soldier dying of tuberculosis in the Sierra foothills, where he had gone with his wife and four-month old baby, caused the association officers to start the campaign. The soldier was gassed in France and contracted tuberculosis after returning home. Not knowing that he has entitled to compensation or care he took his family to the mountains and lived a precarious existence until he was found by association representatives and removed to Airwahnee, a sanatorium in the Madera hills maintained jointly by Madera, Merced and Stanislaus counties. At the time of his discovery the soldier and his family were living in a large bare shack with one small stove for heating and cooking purposes.

SILK MANUFACTURERS TO OPEN IDLE MILLS

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—J. H. & C. K. Eagle, silk manufacturers, have announced that their mills at Shamokin, Thevorton and Kulpmount will resume operations Monday, after an idleness of nine weeks. At the same time executives stated there would be a 15 per cent reduction in wages with an increase in the working schedule from 48 to 50 hours a week, "this action being necessary in order to meet present prices on silk."