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NO. 1

Christmas Goods.

Fancy Chinaware,

Light and Dark Art Rozine Ware, Souvenir Ware. A complete stock of Lamps and Jardinieres of all kinds. A complete stock of

Staple and Fancy Groceries

at reasonable prices. Call Independent Phone 7.

Thatcher-Johnson Co.

We Will Smooth Your Wrinkles

of perplexity caused by the trying time of selecting Holiday Presents. We offer a few suggestions:

Ladies, Silverware, Lockets, Sterling Silver Pieces, Opera Glasses, Gents, Parker Fountain Pens, Watch Chains, Emblem Pins and Buttons, Field Glasses. A large variety of appropriate presents.

E. W. S. PRATT, The Jeweler & Optician.
Store Open Evenings.

JUST RECEIVED, A SHIPMENT OF

TEDDY BEARS, PASTEL

AND OTHER

FINE PICTURES IN FRAMES,

AT

O. J. BLACKLEDGE'S Furniture Store

You Take No Chances

When You Buy Groceries

At This Store

All our goods are guaranteed to comply with the

Pure Food Law

We have the best and nothing but the best.

We Want Your Business

Hodes Grocery

That's It!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 Sold by Graham & Wertham.

What's

Worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be "well cured." A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas, writes: "I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." Sold by Graham & Wertham.

Children's

Favorite tonic is White's Cream Vermifuge, the cure for worms, and all children's diseases. It not only kills the worms, but removes the mucus and slime in which they build their nest. Its action on the child is mild and leaves him in a healthy condition. Joe Daniel, Surmac, Tenn., says that he gave one of his children White's Cream Vermifuge when the doctor thought it had colic, and from the first dose the child passed 75 worms. Sold by Graham & Wertham.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of Nancy J. Single, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Single, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator with the clerk of the county court of the state of Oregon for Benton County, and the said court has fixed Monday, the 26th day of January, 1908, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as the time, and the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account and for settlement thereof.

Dated this December 18th, 1907.

E. E. WILSON,
Administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Single, deceased.

Early to Bed

And early to rise, makes one healthy, happy and wise—especially if you take Herbine before retiring. A positive cure for Constipation, Dyspepsia, and all liver complaints. Mrs. S. Columbia, Tenn., writes: "I always keep a supply of your Herbine on hand. Am so pleased with the relief it gives in constipation and all liver complaints, that words can't express my appreciation." Sold by Graham & Wertham.

Jersey Bull For Sale.

Descended from Grand Coon and Golden Glow; imported cow testing 18 lbs better fat in 7 days, with first calf. Address, M. S. Woodcock, Corvallis, Ore.

THEIR LETTERS TO SANTA.

Corvallis Children Write St. Nick for Gifts—What They Say.

To-night throughout the length and breadth of the land, little stockings will be "hung by the mantle with care" and as tired eyes close in sleep the last thought will be of Santa Claus and the gifts which will be left by the jolly old gentleman during the wee sma' hours of the night. Sad, indeed, is the thought that many a little stocking will be but scantily filled, and that many a trusting child, especially in the cities, will waken on Christmas morning to find that Santa has passed by and forgotten to stop. Corvallis children, as a rule, will receive a visit from dear old St. Nicholas and tonight at the various churches trees will yield their burden of gifts and Santa Claus in person will see that each child is remembered. And in the midst of the good cheer and merriment let each child share with some less fortunate little one, thus adding to the joy of the day the happiness of giving "In His Name."

Christmas trade in Corvallis has been good, and while the buying has been going on the children have been writing letters to Santa Claus and mailing them at the busy store of Victor Moses, where a specially-prepared postoffice had been established for the accommodation of the little folks. Many of the letters are addressed to Kris Kringle, Toyland, and the wants of the writers are set forth so plainly that Santa will have no difficulty in selecting his gifts. Before starting the letters away to Toyland, and in order to help Kris Kringle locate these little writers, Mr. Moses has very kindly allowed the GAZETTE to publish the communications, and they are given below exactly as they were written. They are all dated at Corvallis. The first is from a boy, as can be told at a glance. He says:

"Dear Santa Claus, I want a steam engine, and a boat and a train that is all, Chester Brothers."

The next comes in a large, printed hand and reads:

"Dear Santa, I would like to have a train of cars and a fire engine, candy and nuts. That's all I want. Lorraine Gleason."

Number three is neatly written and says:

"Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll carriage and a doll and a Teddy bear and a doll bed and a story book, from Jennie Balb."

Then comes another boy's request, and perhaps some one can tell us what a "Dutch flyer" is:

"Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a train of cars and a drum and a Dutch flyer and I wish you a Merry Christmas too. Your friend, Phillip Corbett."

While this epistle is signed with a flourish "Miss Jean Durrell" it is evident that the writer is a very young "Miss." She is not at all modest in her demands as can be seen from her want list. She says:

"Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a talking and a walking doll. I want a doll buggy and a dog and a cat. I want a large set of play dishes. I want a little bed for my doll and a little swing for my doll. I want a little broom and a little doll and a play watch. Please bring them dear Santa Claus."

Number six seems musically inclined. He writes with much ink and apparent effort:

"Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a bass drum and big horn and a 22. Your little friend, L. V. Lloyd."

The next is in an extremely large hand and says: "Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a doll, teddy bear, doll buggy, set of dishes, stove, pictures. Ethel Young."

Another says: "I want you to bring me a dolly and a book and a piano and Around the World with Nellie Gray. Mildred Jackson."

In a very lady-like little letter Grace Bodle says: Dear Santa Claus. I want you to bring me a set of dishes and a doll and a pair of slippers and I wish you a merry Christmas. Be sure to bring them. Your friend."

The writer of No. 10 is of a very practical turn of mind, with a love of the beautiful. She writes modestly. "Dear Santa Claus, I want a braiset and a new dress. Neva Burger."

We hope she gets them. Another boy wishes to be an engineer. He writes: "Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a little train and a boat to play with. Denny Goodell."

Number 13 seems to be unlucky as this number has no signature. The writer is a boy and says: "Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a hand car. Please bring me a airgun and I want a little engine what does run good and I would like a little domino will you bring it."

The next letter is a long list of "wants" and Santa Claus will be bankrupt by the time he has filled the order, we fear. The writer says: "Please send me a sleeping doll, a watch, a gold ring, a doll cradle, a doll buggy, a handkerchief, a necklace, a string of beads, a little bell, a pencil and a tablet. Your loving little girl, Ruth Feakins."

The other writers say: "I want you to bring me a football and a football suit if you please. Leslie Smith."

"I want you to bring me a big teddy bear and a little doll buggy with a doll in it. Please bring them. Your little friend, Miss Dorothy Briscoe."

"I want you to bring me a airgun and a printing press and an engine. Wayne Scott."

"If you please I would like a doll and a baby carriage. Edna Woods."

"I want you to bring me a pear of shoes please poke full of candy. Your dear friend, Hazel. I love you old Santa Claus for the things. You are good old Santa Claus. Hazel Abercrombie. Good bye."

"I want a doll and buggy. I want my doll dresses in pink and I want a big doll and a box of handkerchiefs. Marion Akers."

"I want a large doll and a little dog and nice little cat. I want you to send me toys this will be all dear Santa. Your friend, Ruth Howard."

"Will you bring me a doll a doll bed and a doll house a train and a little stove, also a little set dishes. Your loving little Margaret Jones."

"I want you to bring me a big dolly three feet high and a big teddy bear. Please bring them. Clara Harding."

"I want you to bring me a horn and a bicycle and a tool chest. Harry Garrett."

"I want you to bring me a big doll and a doll buggy for her. Your friend, Mary Bedynek."

The list closes with the letter of Walter Wuestefeld, whose wants must be pretty well satisfied already, as he says simply, "I want a knife."

The GAZETTE wishes these little people and its older readers, too, a Merry Christmas, and hopes that no one in all Corvallis will be disappointed on this merriest and best of all big days—Christmas!

"Why Girls Leave Home."

The most important question in thousands of American homes is, Why Girls Leave Home. The answer will be given at the Opera House on December 31. It is sticly moral and free from sensationalism; a play with a wholesome influence. This is the first western touring of the play and the presenting company is said to be an exceptionally clever one.

FARM WEALTH.

Interesting Reading That is Worth While—Figures That Talk.

The annual report of no other cabinet officer is interesting to so many people as that of the secretary of agriculture. It deals with an industry or family of industries in which more people are engaged than any other, and on which people depend more than on all others. Statistics showing the products of the soil and their value are, scarcely dry reading, and never less so than this year, when the value of the country's agricultural products exceeds all previous records, and the figures are available just when a good many people imagine the country is hard up.

The farms of the country, exclusive of dairy, livestock and poultry products, yielded crops amounting in value to \$7,412,000,000, or about \$88 for every man, woman and child in the country. This is a greater sum by several hundred million dollars than was ever produced before. And to this is to be added \$1,280,000,000 for livestock, \$800,000,000 for dairy products and \$600,000,000 for poultry products, making a grand total of a little over \$10,000,000,000 or about \$120 per capita.

Several crops were not so great in quantity this year as in some others. This is true of both wheat and corn, but the price is higher. Corn remains the most valuable crop and was about up to the average of the last five years in quantity, though much less than the crop of 1906 or 1905, but the value is \$1,350,000,000, or 26 per cent above the five-year average. The United States produces about four-fifths of the world's yield of corn.

Next in value comes hay, or cotton, the value of the former crop being not easy to estimate accurately, but it is thought to be worth \$65,000,000 more than that of 1906, the record crop up to that date.

The earlier portions of the cotton season were unfavorable, but it turned out better than expected, as corn did, and its value, including that of seed, is estimated at \$650,000,000 or \$675,000,000.

Wheat is the fourth crop in value and falls 5 per cent in quantity below the average of five years but the 675,000,000 bushels produced will have been worth at the farms at least \$500,000,000. Oats show a falling off, both in quantity and quality, barley gained heavily, potatoes are worth \$190,000,000. The tobacco crop is smaller than for many years, yet its value is more than ever before except last year; rice, both in quantity and value, made a record crop; and hops lapsed 4.6 per cent below the five-year average in quantity and 20 per cent in value.

In the summary of the secretary's report sent out, no mention is made of the fruit crops, or of vegetables except potatoes and sugar beets, which would add greatly to the total. Altogether, while a large part of the season in most of the country was discouraging, the results, owing partly to better conditions later, but more to high prices, are very satisfactory. In all-round agricultural production there never was and never can be a country equal to ours.—Oregon Journal.

Notice.

The giving of Premium Dishes will be discontinued on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, December 21st, 23rd and 24th, owing to the extra holiday rush.

J. M. NOLAN & SON.

Wood Wanted.

Bids for furnishing the Oregon Agricultural college wood for the ensuing school year beginning in September 1908, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent of the College up to Saturday, January 4, 1908.

"Why Girls Leave Home."

A play with a wholesome moral will be presented at the Opera House on December 31. It is clean, interesting and instructive. Its scenes are laid in a lively city adjacent to New York. Unusual as it may seem there are no sium scenes, no uncalled for profanity, no gun plays, or impossible climaxes in "Why Girls Leave Home," but on the contrary a wholesome narrative of the happenings in the house of a respectable family, and involving especially the events in the life of an innocent girl who thinks the companionship of glitter and glare not at all unnecessary to the enjoyment of life. The subject is handled with great delicacy and reverence by the author, who has made the play one of the most powerful factors in the work of national reform.

Lilly-McBee Nuptials.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated Saturday at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McBee, southwest of Corvallis. The bride was their charming daughter, Miss Lela McBee, and the groom, Arthur Lilly, one of Corvallis' best known and respected young men.

Miss Ruth Lilly played the wedding march and the ceremony was performed by C. T. Hurd in the presence of about 25 relatives and friends. Miss Leora McBee, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Claude Murphy officiated as best man. The bride was modest and attractive in a dainty gown of cream bastise.

Following congratulations a delicious dinner was served, and Mr. and Mrs. Lilly departed on the evening train for Portland for a brief visit. They will reside on the Lilly farm just south of Corvallis. Many friends wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Real Estate Transfers.

Alsea Lumber Company to Minnie Norton, 120 acres in Alsea; \$5.

August Kroschel to Charles Sperling, 80 acres near Albany; \$400.

United States to Elvarow Mulkey, 44.44 acres west of Philomath.

Elvarow Mulkey to Corvallis Lumber & Shingle Company, 44.44 acres west of Philomath; \$400.

E McLennan to John Heeszel and wife, 50 acres north of Corvallis; also 4 lots in bl. 5, and 6 lots in bl. 6, Avery and Wells' addition to Corvallis; \$1.

Alice P Richards to Frank G. Haller, 20 acres near Albany; \$10.

Eli Spencer et al to Olof Berggren and wife, 357 1/2 acres near Blodgett; \$5500.

John Heeszel and wife to Lena C Raber, lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, bl. 6, Avery and Wells' addition to Corvallis; \$10.

The Orphan.

It is tough to be an orphan when Christmas is most here. And you hear the fellers talkin' about what they're goin' to git; And you know that when you hang up that darned and darned old stockin' That all you'll find within it is what the fellers say is nit nit, nit.

It is tough to be an orphan and be one of a big bunch, Where they hand you out the grub and clothes no matter how they fit; And you listen to the kids with dadd talk of Santa Claus, And you know that all he'll bring is what the fellers say is nit, nit.

It is tough to be an orphan, but I've made up my mind That when I'm big and famous and am sure I've made a hit, I'll gather all the orphans about this time of the year, A while my money lasts you bet those kids'll not get nit.

—Rx.