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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious Shepherd Song, proclaiming "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men, for unto us is born this day in the City of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord," and adown the misty aisles of nineteen centuries of time that same swelling anthem has re-echoed with each recurring Christmastide, filling with joy and gladness the hearts of countless millions and awakening in every heart the desire to emulate the Three Wise Men, who, upon the day of the Nativity, brought gifts to the Christ child.

So, at this happy season, there is the same unselfish spirit of giving, the same desire to bring peace and good will, the same glad outburst of melody and the same feasting and merriment that marked the birthmorn of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Not lapse of time nor the feverish race for power, position and wealth has ever had the least effect upon the pure spirit of giving or dimmed the memory of that day so long held in hallowed remembrance. In palace and hovel, on land and sea, among rich and poor, exalted and humble, this is one day when all humanity meets on one common level and gives for the pure pleasure of giving, and feasts because no other anniversary bears with it so strong an incentive to good cheer.

Of all the customs and observances among the nations which have grown out of and become associated with this holy as well as holi-day, the mythical Kriss-Kringle of the ancient Dutch and the joyous Yuletide celebration of Merrie England hold foremost place, because the first symbolizes the spirit of giving gifts and the latter the realization of the blessing of meeting and feasting with friends and loved ones.

Other days, even of national import, may cease to be observed and other lives sink into oblivion as time wings its remorseless flight and the wreck of empires blots history from memory, but the celebration of Christmas day will go on and on and the coming of the Christ child will be remembered and sacredly kept so long as humanity shall exist and Christianity endure and that will be until the heavens shall roll together as a scroll and the earth melt with fervent heat, even until time is lost in eternity.

While all the world now gives out its gladsome greeting, so the GAZETTE extends to all its readers, patrons and friends its best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

The fruit industry of this state is growing more rapidly than the residents of this state imagine or can believe. It now ranks as the fourth or fifth industry in the state. The wheat lands are gradually wearing out and the yield of this crop is decreasing annually. The salmon catch is falling off annually and eventually the timber of the state will be cut down. Finally there will be but two important industries in this state—fruitgrowing and dairying. That being so, let us make the best possible use of the apple as an advertisement, that more people may be brought to this state to assist in the development of those two industries which promise so much to the material prosperity of this great state.

In a hotly contested game of basketball at Philomath Saturday night the College team of that town was defeated by the Corvallis High School team, the score being 16 to 12.

Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Bexell are spending the Christmas holidays in Portland, the guests of friends in that city.

Services at the Churches.

EPISPOCAL

The next service at the Church of the Good Samaritan will be Sunday, January 17, at which time Rev. H. D. Chambers, the Arch Deacon, will officiate both morning and evening.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Services at the M. E. Church, South, Sunday, December 27th. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Jesus, the Light of the World." We extend a kindly welcome to all. N. D. Wood, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

At the First M. E. church the services for next Sunday will be appropriate for the season and the pastor will make some announcements that will be of great interest to the members and friends of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Christmas services all day Sunday at the Presbyterian church. Morning topic by the pastor, J. R N. Bell, "Why Christ Became Human;" evening topic, "The Bright Side—Sunshine." Free pews, special Christmas music, obliging ushers. Everybody invited.

UNITED EVANGELICAL.

Evangelical Church, corner of 9th and Harrison streets. Mrs. Blanchard, of the U. B. church of Portland, will preach Sunday morning, December 27, at eleven o'clock. In the absence of the pastor there will not be any service of any kind in the evening. It will be known as visiting evening, when the congregation will visit the young people's meetings and preaching services at the different churches in the city.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

"No Accidents in History: The Secret of Power" will be the morning theme of Evan P. Hughes, the minister, at the First Congregational Church the coming Sunday, December 27. "The Revenues and Reaches of a Splendid Life in the Twentieth Century" will be the subject in the evening by the same speaker. Promptly at 10 a. m will convene the School for Bible Study, under the superintendency of Prof. A. B. Cordley. The Devotional Hour of the C. E. is conducted at 6:30 p. m. To all these services everyone is most cordially invited.

Real Estate Transfers.

Lucile Jean Buxton to George W. Smith, lot 10, block 26, Avery's addition, Corvallis $10.

United States to John L. Banton, 160 acres in Alsea.

United States to Abe H. West, 135.03 acres in King's Valley.

J. R. Whitney to T. J. Dorgan, 729 acres in Benton county, $100

Wm. Mittelstadt to Chas. Stephens, 354.12 acres west of Philomath, $5,000.00.

F. G. Davis to H. C. Averill, lots 7 and 8, block "E" Avery's addition, Corvallis, $1,150.

Minnie L. Kirby to Alice D. Pugsley, 2 acres near Philomath $875.

J. H. Mattley to Minerva Kiger, one block in Corvallis, $10.

G. A. Cooper et. al. to S. S. Huit, 80 acres northwest of Corvallis, $1,107.00.

Arthur L. Pugsley to W. G. Fisher, lot 145, block 40, Brown's addition to Philomath, $400.

United States to Alice Vidito, 120 acres in Alsea.

M. E. Abbott to Thos. Blades, 162½ acres near Philomath, $10

Helena Schweizer to O. H. L. Petersen and wf., 36 acres south of Philomath, $900.

O. & C. R. R. Co. to Catherine Boehringer, 40 acres south of Philomath, $160.

J. Q. Renfro to Adam Grueing, 120 acres near Summit, $1800.

Tillie Reed to Chas. M. Wilson, lot 4 bl. 11 Jobs addition to Corvallis, $250.

E. H. Taylor to N. R. Adams, lots 7 and 8 bl. 7 Jobs addition to Corvallis, $10.

W. H. Kay to C. M. Miller et al, land near Monroe, $1.

Catherine Boehringer and hus. to Clarence Bareinger, 40 acres south of Philomath, $10.

W. W. Strickland to August Hugnier, land near Monroe, $10.

W. B. Hartley to Marel Potter, 164.58 acres west of Philomath, $2100.

A. E. Mulvaney to J. S. R. Roberts, lots 7 and 8 bl. 28 Jobs add., Corvallis, $1.

A. C. Tunison to John M. Brumfield, lots 1 and 2 bl. 11 N. B. & P. Avery's addition to Corvallis, $10.

Alfred Schimmel to E. E. White, 1½ blocks in Avery & Wells' add., Corvallis, $1200.

Thos. M. Gatch to G. A. Covel and wf., parcel of land in Corvallis, $10.

David Whaley to E. Tortora, 3 lots in bl. 38 Moore & Newhouse's add., Corvallis, $10.

Ernest Brant to J. S. Jones, undivided ½ of 1 2-5 acres near Philomath, $250.

B. F. Brattain to Fremont Chapman and wf., 71 acres near Philomath, $3000

J. T. Lasselle to E. J. Barrett, 5 acres near Albany, $100.

Professor Kent Re-elected.

The convention of the Oregon State Dairy Association at Salem last week was the most successful ever held by that body. California and Washington were represented in both attendance and exhibits. The grand prize for best display of dairy products was awarded to F. A. Schubinger of Salem for an exhibit comprising 26 varieties of cheese. The Douglas Creamery Co. of Roseburg won first award for highest scoring creamery butter; F. G. Mattke, of Sweet Home, for highest scoring dairy butter, and T. J. Ballantyne, of Hobsonville, for highest scoring cheese. The dairymen pledged a fund of $150 per month for the employment of an expert to bring dairy conditions throughout the state up to the highest possible standard. An appropriation of $6000 will be asked from the Legislature. President F. L. Kent, of Corvallis, professor of Dairy Husbandry at OAC, was re-elected, with Carl Abrams, of Salem, secretary. The time of next year's meeting will be chosen to harmonize with the date selected by the Washington Dairymen, who meet at Chehalis this week.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us our beloved friend and associate, Professor George Coote, who labored and advised with us for a more beautiful Corvallis. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in honor of his memory, we, the members of the Corvallis Improvement Association, do hereby express our regret and sorrow at his departure, and our heartfelt sympathy with his bereaved family, who with us have the blessed assurance of the joy and peace upon which he has entered in the heavenly home in the eternal kingdom. Signed,

Anna M. Osburn,
Margaret C. Snell.

Bids For Wood.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for furnishing wood for the Oregon Agricultural College for the ensuing College year, 1909-10; will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, January 9th. Specifications will be furnished at the Business Office of the College.

J. A. BEXELL,
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