

# My Christmas Boy by Leonard H. Robbins.

**H**is baby heart is richly blessed with gentleness and joy. A happy little fellow is my Merry Christmas boy. His face is like a morning lake before the storms arise. To mar the mirrored heaven blue of clear and beaming skies. His eyes are springs of sweetest love from some eternal source. That streams to him untouched by taint along its earthward course. In soul, my Christmas boy, thou art the great, living God a part.



**R**ead the Saviour's story over and in its message see that even as he was God's own Son so every man may be. Then for my Christmas boy I pray that good may always reign within his breast, victorious through the temptings and the pain; that his pure soul, so white today, as stainless may ascend unto the Soul of Every Good, still perfect, at the end, Nor could an end like Calvary's bitter that great joy for me.

**T**HERE lived a lad in Galilee a many years ago. His little face with just such grace and gladness love aglow. And oftentimes I like to think that when his eyes would shine They were no purer than the eyes of this dear boy of mine. And that the God who dwelt within His heart of holy clay Abideth in the bosom of my Christmas boy today. Filled with the softest breath divine, Christ and this Christmas boy of mine.

**H**e is a thoughtful boy at times, my little Christmas boy. Perhaps the angel whisperer of some wonderful employ. Of mighty tasks, long waiting for a fearless heart and stout. Of business of the Heavenly King that must be about. Perhaps to lead a people in his portion in the Plan. Perhaps to bear misfortune's yoke and live and die a man. To lose and triumph in his loss With his Big Brother of the Cross.

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Patronize One Another for the Upholding of Town and County.

The Itemizer is not given to extra editions of any kind, believing that our merchants in giving us their weekly patronage are doing their full duty, and all that should be asked of them. We are grateful for the advertising patronage accorded our paper, believing it fully justified by the returns received, and for that reason are not asking extra advertising. We have never endeavored to persuade advertisers to try out schemes of doubtful merit, considering that legitimate and persistent newspaper advertising is the best that can be devised to increase a business. And we believe that many of our business men concur with us in this view of the matter.

The taking by Fred Koser, of Perrydale, of five firsts and numerous prizes with his fine thoroughbred Cotswold sheep at the Chicago International Livestock show, against the worldwide competition that he had, is quite a feather in the cap of our county, and an event worthy of much more than passing notice, showing, as it most assuredly does, that the stock we raise is of the very best, and capable of being placed in competition with any. The enterprise Mr. Koser exhibited in going to the expense of taking back 22 of his flock is also worthy of much praise, he being the only man in Oregon to compete to that extent. That his belief that he had prize winners was borne out is also a subject for congratulation; in fact all around too much praise cannot be given the first venture of its kind. Then too, the advertisement that Polk county has received by reason of Mr. Koser's enterprise will be for our benefit in more ways than one.

We have a few Oregon towns in mind which we think would be better off without than with the newspapers they now have. The reason is that the newspapers are always quarreling over every question that comes up, and by their editorials making the people discontented rather than united as they should be. The only way to build up a town is for its papers to entirely leave out of their columns all business jealousies, and devote themselves editorially to advancing every proposition that is for the good of the city—not hang back on a good idea because the other fellow may have been the one to propose it, but both use their thinking caps for the benefit of all, and pull together on all questions for public discussion. A divided house can hardly stand, and there is no other element in a place that can so quickly produce a division as its newspapers. Happily Dallas has not to any great extent been afflicted as the towns mentioned. When anything of great importance arises, you see both papers pushing it to a successful conclusion.

From all appearances the chicken show to be held in the armory in conjunction with the goat show is going to be far and away the best ever held here, in fact we doubt not but what it will greatly eclipse them. The lady secretary assures us that there will be an unheard of lot of exhibitors, that a most unusual interest is being taken in the show, not only in Polk county, where there are now so many first class breeders, but from outside chicken raisers as well, some of them aiming to come from quite a distance to show their fowls. The Itemizer believes that this one exhibit is going to be the means of thoroughly establishing the industry in Polk county, and give it an impetus that will tend toward in a few months seeing more of our farmers go-

## SANTA CLAUS, R.F.D.

BY ROBERTUS LOVE

NEW conditions have developed a new sort of Santa Claus in the United States. His initials are R. F. D. He is the rural free delivery mail carrier. Mail hauler is the fitter way to describe him, for as a rule he hauls the mail in a light spring wagon. At Christmas time many rural carriers require an extra spring wagon or buggy and an extra driver to handle the rush of Santa Claus mail both going and coming. The rural free delivery system, which started but a few years ago, has grown to great proportions. It is said that there are now in the United States half as many rural mail carriers as there were men in the regular army at the beginning of our war against Spain. But not all of these carriers are men. There are many women driving rural routes. Whether man or woman, the rural mail agent must serve as Santa Claus to scores of families at Christmas. Maybe he or she likes it, and maybe he doesn't. That depends. Frequently the farmers and their wives and daughters become Santa Clauses to the carrier, and that



helps the R. F. D. Santa Claus to get over his vexation when he finds that he has sixteen hours of delivery to do in eight hours' work. A few days before Christmas the incoming bundles begin to pile up in the carrier's wagon bed. They are presents from the farmer's son who has gone to the city and grown rich or from the daughter who married the Hon. Mr. Blank and lives in the Clover Cliff mansion. Or perhaps Mary Susanna, who is teaching school in the next state and can't afford to come home for the holidays, has spent some of her little hoard of money for Christmas gifts for the home folks. Wherever they come from, all those packages and bundles must be delivered. The R. F. D. man or woman must be the general Santa Claus of the route traveled. On the trip back to town bundles for the outgoing mails are entered

into the work intelligently, raising first class flocks, and make of it a much more remunerative business than it is at present, except to those pioneers in the industry who have from the first persisted in raising only the best breeds—those that would command the price and give the returns. Every home should raise at least a few chickens, at least enough to supply their own needs, and it will not be long in so doing until this shipping to us from the east of cold storage eggs will become a thing of the past. We would impress on every raiser that it would be best for him to enter his fowls, and learn by experience their shortcomings, and how to improve them.

# ITEMIZER REALTY CONCERN

Room 1, Brown Block, 420 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon

We have British Columbia and Oregon Timber Lands  
We have California Orchard Lands  
We have Canada Wheat Lands  
We have trades all over the United States  
Besides this list of Home Lands

222 acres of fine farming land for sale. Has a good spring, a small orchard, 25 acres of good timber, good fencing and sufficient for farm use. Will sell altogether or divide up to suit. Most desirable location between Dallas and Perrydale. Only \$65 an acre.

A living producing home for sale—One of the most beautiful living sites in Falls City, Oregon, is offered for sale at a bargain. City and is 2 1/2 acres in extent and is the best property in the world. It is already planted in 40 English walnuts and some 60 apple trees, out for years. An adjoining acre is also for sale. The cash price is \$2500, and it is a snap for the person who wants a fine location, one to double in value, and where one can easily make a living.

No. 243—5 acres, 1 mile from Dallas. Good sidewalk to town, 10-room house and a good barn, two wells and pumps at the barn and one at house. 2 1/2 acres of orchard that pays from \$10 to \$150 without attention. Besides all the fruit that owners can use, the orchard consists of grapes, pears, apples, plums and cherries; balance garden and meadow. A beautiful home, giving the quiet life of a farm and the advantage of a Polk county location. Terms \$1500 cash, balance time to suit.

For only \$1000—A 9-room hard finished house, with a fine view, on a corner section. This place will only be on the market for a few weeks.

No. 21—2 1/2 acres, 125 cultivation, 80 acres of oak timber, balance slash, all fenced, the house is an old one, but the new ideal outbuildings are good. \$95 per acre, one-half cash, the balance at 7 per cent.

10-acre tract near Dallas, 9 acres in fruit nearly all Italian pears, 2 year old trees, 1 acre filler of raspberries. Lays well. No improvements. Will trade stock. Half cash, balance at 6 per cent.

House and two lots in Dallas, close to downtown. Five rooms and outbuildings. Price \$1250 half cash. Will trade stock.

We have several business chances in Polk county for sale, among which might be mentioned a saloon, shoe, furniture store, a flouring mill, a live stock stable.

We have 120 acres five miles from Dallas of the best land in the valley that we can sell for \$100 an acre. It is all in cultivation and crop, and is all in cultivation and crop, and is all in cultivation and crop. This is one of the finest farms in Polk county and has only lately decided to dispose of it.

We have 240 acres at the head of the Mettison river, where we are now making a welling house, barn and other outbuildings. There are 40 acres of oak timber, and there are some 40 acres of tillable land. The price asked. Half cash, at least, in 2000 dollars. The balance in 2000 dollars.

600 acres near Antelope. Will sell at \$10 an acre or trade for valley farm.

205 acres, 40 acres in cultivation, balance slash, and a fine view. There are 30 acres of oak timber, and there are some 40 acres of tillable land. The price asked. Half cash, at least, in 2000 dollars. The balance in 2000 dollars.

Here is a snap—only \$4200 will buy two residences right close to town. One is a 2 1/2 acre house with a fine view, and the other is a 1 1/2 acre house with a fine view. Modern improvements. On three lots. Sold separate if desired.

No. 106—106 acres, at \$125 per acre; on 100 acres of oak timber, and there are some 40 acres of tillable land. The price asked. Half cash, at least, in 2000 dollars. The balance in 2000 dollars.

Two vacant lots on Main street, opposite school house. \$1000.

A desirable home—New 5-room cottage and bath toilet, lavatory, and electric lights. Fine inside finish. Best situated for fruit and a sewer. \$1250 the price, \$500 down, terms balance. Fine location. All improvements paid for.

Two acres of land in Dallas. Has nice 2 1/2 room house, good view, and a fine view. Good bottom land and lots of all kinds of fruit. Several large Royal Anas cherry trees but last year bore 1500 pounds to the tree. Will sell at \$1000 an acre. \$500 down, balance at 6 per cent. Good location. All improvements paid for.

15 acres within two miles of town, well improved, but the finest of orchard land. Now in oak, with a few apple trees set out this spring. We can get you this snap for \$125 an acre. Just the place for a fine view. Will sell at \$1000 an acre. \$500 down, balance at 6 per cent. Good location. All improvements paid for.

Seventy acres of improved land in the 34. Pugh region, within two miles of town. We are authorized to let go for \$80 an acre. It is all good orchard land and cannot be beat for a home close to town. All under good solid fence. Better pick up this bargain while you can get it.

10 acres, all in cultivation. 1-room house, family orchard, and all the best of land. On the public road. Price, \$2500.

60 acres of well improved land within four miles of Dallas. Well adapted for fruit and poultry, and with especially rich soil.

One of the best paying private sawmill properties in Polk county, doing a good business. Will sell at \$1000 an acre. \$500 down, balance at 6 per cent. Good location. All improvements paid for.

600 acres of good dark soil, lays fine for plating, has about a mile frontage along good county road, only 3 miles of good railroad station, within 7 miles of good railroad town. Every foot of this tract can be plowed up at once, and is situated right in the heart of the Willamette Valley, and all we are asking is \$50 per acre. On the following terms: \$5000 down at time of agreeing to buy, \$5000 in 90 days, and \$5000 on or before September 1, 1911, and the balance on or before 3 years. Good crops and stock on all deferred payments. New buildings on the place. Prospective buyers should take the morning train at Fort Stevens, and look the land over and return the same evening.

Fine farm for sale, containing 20 1/2 acres, over 200 under plow, balance fine or new house, good outbuildings and new fence, running water, land level in pasture 8 years, is rich and equal to new, will grow heavy grain; fine dairy; 20 farm; only \$65 per acre; adjoining land held at \$100; owner retiring.

We have a dandy stock ranch in the coast range of 100 acres that we are now offering at \$2000. There is a good house here, and a fine barn. There are about 40 acres of fine bottom land. If you want a fine mountain ranch, here is your opportunity to get one cheap.

320 acres, 35 acres cleared and 100 in pasture, balance in timber, two houses and other improvements, fine springs, soil fine. \$17 an acre, half cash.

70 acres, 45 cleared, 25 pasture, 25 in timber, 38 acres in prunes and pears from 1 year to 10. Eighty acres can be irrigated and the creek runs all the year round. The land is rolling and the soil red and heavy dam. All fenced with wooden wire. Five miles from Salem and one mile from school and postoffice. \$7000. 1/2 cash, balance at 6 per cent.

106 acres, all cleared and under cultivation, all fenced and fine soil, 1-2 miles to town and school. \$90 an acre. \$3000 down and balance on good terms.

147 acres, 50 in cultivation and the balance in oak and fir timber. 20 acres of fruit, good house and barn, well improved. Daily half mile to school and church. We want \$55 an acre for this and it is a bargain.

\$5000, only \$2000 of it cash, will buy 80 acres of land within one mile of downtown. This is a fine spring and 5 or 6 acres can be irrigated. Some stock will go with the place.

16 acres, four miles of town, all in good timber, no improvements, on county road. Price, \$35 an acre.

40 acres, 12 acres under plow, and 15 slash, rest in good fir timber, some large oak. New house of six rooms, good barn, good water, two springs, and creek runs through it. One mile of good school. 3 miles of town. Price \$40 an acre. Terms cash.

We have 358 acres that is a bargain, at \$55 an acre.

For \$2100, 1/2 cash, we have for sale 10-acre tract that is hard to beat. It is within a mile and a half of town, in one of the most desirable directions, and will probably be on the new electric road. It has some improvements, is nearly all cleared, and is fenced on one side. Is close to church and school.

We also have two other tracts in the same vicinity, unimproved.

If you want a nice small pruned orchard, here is your chance. Eight acres, with dryer, and all other improvements, close to town, and every thing in good shape. Seven acres of 10-year old prunes, and some nice apples. Close to town, and school with city water. The price is \$4500.

75 acres, 45 cleared, slash 15, and 20 in pasture, with 12 acres of oak timber; 25 acres are under cultivation, and every 7 acres set to prunes. There are three wells on the place, the soil is a red loam, and it is well fenced. There is a house of eight rooms, and good barns and other improvements. Only one mile to town, school and church. Price \$8000, half cash.

305 acres, 125 cleared and in cultivation, the balance in pasture and timber. There is 2 acres of fruit and some garden, two wells and several springs. The soil is good, and it is all fenced. Only 2 1/2 miles from railroad town. \$60 an acre is wanted for this, and half cash will carry the deal.

24 acres, 8 acres cleared partly, with no waste land, and the rest fir and oak timber. Half an acre is in strawberries and other small fruit. There is a house of eight rooms, and the soil is a fine black loam. Only 1/2 mile from Dallas. Church and school convenient.

Can get the note for a short time for only \$1500 and will trade for a small place in Falls City or Dallas.

20 acres, 10 acres of timber, rest open land, one acre slash. Small house, close to town, all fenced. Price, \$50 an acre; \$600 cash, balance to suit.

16 acres only four miles from Dallas that we can now offer at \$40 an acre. All in fir timber, but the best of soil, and you can pay for the place easy in clearing it up. Close to school and other facilities.

We have 640 acres within 1 1/2 miles of railroad with 10,000,000 feet of good saw timber on it. There are no improvements but half of the place is cleared land, and there is an abundance of oak range. The soil is first class and we are only asking \$12 an acre for the lot.

1000 acres near a railroad, 500 of which is in cultivation, for which we are only asking \$45 the acre. Desirable location and first class soil.

Here is a coast ranch for you: 280 acres none in cultivation, and no improvements. None cleared, and several million feet of good timber already for a railroad when it gets there. School and postoffice nearby. Four miles from the coast and on county road. The soil is excellent, and it is now a fine dairy ranch. Will trade for valley land, or \$5000, half down and the balance at 6 per cent will take it.

124 acres, 30 acres in grain, 230 5/8 and year-old prunes trees, 4 or 5 peach trees in bearing, rest in timber. Running water, fair improvements. Price \$49 an acre, half cash.

88 acres, all in cultivation, level land, running water, close to town. Good improvements. Will take \$13,000 for the whole piece, or will divide it into three different tracts of 25 acres each with the buildings at \$175 an acre, nice peach orchard. Also 28 acre tract for \$125 an acre, half cash.

676 acres, 3 cleared, 100 acres of pasture, balance in saw timber and wood, small orchard, fine water supply and power, big out range; three miles from good town, and two from school. \$20 an acre; \$2000 down and the balance at 6 per cent.

132 acres, 5 acres in cultivation, 5 acres slash, balance in fine second growth fir timber. All kinds of berries, 45 fruit trees, all 2-year-old. Nice running stream through one corner, good house and barn. Price, \$2500; \$1200 cash, balance on terms to suit.

We have 720 acres in one body of hill side in cultivation, balance in good timber, running water, some improvements, good soil, lots of timber, fine stock ranch, fine school, five miles of town, for \$35 an acre.

34 acres within a couple of miles of a little town, 10 acres under cultivation, 10 acres slash, and the balance in second growth oak. Price \$75 an acre, \$1000 cash and the balance on terms to suit.

220 acres, 4 miles from town. Has good house and 4 barns on the place, several good springs, splendid water. 80 acres in cultivation, 40 acres in timber and the balance in open pasture, fine grazing land, the land is gently rolling and soil is splendid. Price \$7500. \$4500 down, balance 6 year's time at 6 per cent.

16 1/2 acres in Lincoln county, all open pasture land. It is right on the coast on a good river for only \$2000, half cash. Fine stock and as cheap as you get out with a good road to it—Itemizer Realty Concern. This is a first class buy at \$250 an acre, and good time will be given on half the amount.

47 acres fine ground land and in cultivation, 2-2 miles from Dallas, on a good river. Price \$80 per acre. Terms to suit.

Two blocks south and one block west of the depot we have a house and lot for sale for \$1200. It has seven rooms and a bath.

25 acres, small house and barn, 1/2 of a mile from school house, 1 1/2 miles from railroad station. Price \$1600—Itemizer Realty Concern.

182 acres, all in cultivation except a few trees around the house. About 10 acres in cultivation. House of eight rooms, large barn, granary and hen house. Sixty acres of bottom land, and all the place is black loam soil. There is a family orchard, and 60 young cherry trees. It is within 1/2 mile of station. We can sell this for a short time only at \$75 an acre.

Large 60x150 lot near Wash place in Ellis addition; has several fruit trees and two large areas of bottom land. Good building location. Price \$175.

240 acres, 40 acres slash and seeded to grass, 10 acres in cultivation, very good barn, shack of a house, plenty of water, all under good fence. Acre in rough and has a good bearing orchard. 250 acres of good fir timber, mostly second growth, averaging about 20 inches with about 1,000,000 feet of large fir. Price \$5000, sold soon. All good soil.

We have a nice residence, close in, that is a snap at \$1300. It is of five rooms, and is fixed up with modern conveniences. The lot is 60x150 feet, and it cannot be beat as an ideal location. Come quick or someone else will gobble it up.

We have a lot of overflow land along the river that is just the place to grow fine peaches. Conveniently located in every way, and the price is \$110 an acre.

Two improved lots on Hayter street, close in, for \$250 cash. Both fine building sites.

We have a fine subdivision project of 60 acres, nearly in Dallas, that is on the market for 30 days only. Fine soil and there is money in plating it.

One house and barn and four lots in Dallas for \$3,500. Nice location, sewer connection, city water. Half cash. House cost \$2500.

8 acres near town, 4-room house and out buildings. Three acres in cultivation and rest slash. Good road. Price, \$1050.

390 acres, 25 in cultivation, 25 acres of timber, 300 acres of other land not fenced, two streams of running water the year around, seven room house, not very good, two large barns. Will sell this at \$20 an acre, one-third cash and balance in five years time at 6 per cent interest.

A good lot for \$175. Two good lots on Washington street, with sewer and macadam streets all paid for, one of which is corner. Both face north, but can be bent to face east if desired. Will sell at cost, which is \$650 for the two.

For \$4,500, \$2000 of it cash, we can let you have 68 acres of land for any purpose. Fifty acres are cleared and ready for pasture, 18 acres are under cultivation, and there is no waste land. There are some 10 acres of oak and fir timber. About 100 apple trees, four years old, are on the place, and in good condition. There is running water and good improvements. Will take \$13,000 for the whole piece, or will divide it into three different tracts of 25 acres each with the buildings at \$175 an acre, nice peach orchard. Also 28 acre tract for \$125 an acre, half cash.

171 acres, 75 acres cleared, balance pasture and fine oak timber. Five acres in cultivation, balance in timber and wood, and two springs. Fine soil, good fences, 6-room house, barn and other improvements. If sold in 60 days, 1/3 of crop goes with place at \$8,750. \$4000 down, balance in two years.

A house and two lots one block west of depot. Fine large 10-room hand finished house with all modern conveniences and a street water connection. Price \$3200.

27 acres within one and a half miles of town, of the very best land, with good improvements and fine orchard. Price \$4500.

8 1/2 acres, 45 acres in hops, rest in good pasture land, with creek running through it. Good improvements and hop house, and yard trellised in fine shape. Price \$2025, half down and terms on the balance.

307 acres, 140 cleared, 40 slash, 140 in pasture, 130 in cultivation, 100 in timber, fair buildings and water supply, four miles from town and one from school. \$60 an acre, one half cash, first mortgage for balance.

Here is a dairy ranch for you that is hard to beat. It consists of 380 acres, 225 being in cultivation, 100 heavy timber and the balance pasture. There are 40 cows and calves, 4 hogs, 60 goats, good buildings and lots of them, fine soil, a complete outfit of farm and dairy machinery, and the cream check each month amounts to \$100. The owner's reason for selling is that he wants to get out of the dairy business. The land is situated 2 1/2 miles from the Peedee store, and within one mile of the railroad surveyed from Airline to the coast. A phone goes with the place. This is the best piece of land in the county for dairying or stock raising. The price is \$15000 and one-third can be paid in cash and the balance to suit buyer.

20 acres, one acre slash, rest in oak timber, 1000 2 year old Italian prune trees, 100 Ponona currants. Fair house and barn, plenty of water, two good springs, 5000 cords of wood and a good road to haul to town. Land lies well for rural land. Price \$60 an acre. \$2500 down, the balance at 6 per cent.

103 1/2 acres at \$50 an acre. Dwelling house and hop house. Thirty acres cultivated, 60 acres of timber. Good spring and well. One-half cash, with time on the balance at 7 per cent.

97 acres 3 1/2 miles from Dallas, 30 acres cleared, balance fir and oak timber. 1000 2 year old Italian prune trees, 100 Ponona currants. Fair house and barn, plenty of water, two good springs, 5000 cords of wood and a good road to haul to town. Land lies well for rural land. Price \$60 an acre. \$2500 down, the balance at 6 per cent.

140 acres, 60 in cultivation, and the balance fine timber. There is a creek on the place and several nice springs. Good soil. Some broken land, but this is a fine fruit ranch or dairy farm, all being the best of land, and only \$4-1/2 the price, one-third down, and the balance on easy terms.

\$2000 cash will buy my improvements on 1900 acres of O. & C. railroad land 1 1/2 miles from Falls City. Improvements consist of a good 4-room house with chamber, about 2 acres in cultivation, about 20 fruit trees, some berries, chicken house and good peck fence and other improvements. Reason for selling other business to look after. Also have 40 acres joining same with about 1500 open land, 5 acres in cultivation, will sell along with other for \$1500. Good little barn.

120 acres, 3 miles of town, 30 acres under cultivation, rest in pasture and some timber. Good house and barn, and the other has six rooms. The larger can be purchased alone for \$2500.

264 acres, 220 of which is cleared, and 200 under cultivation; 40 acres oak timber; 1 acre apples and peaches; well and running water. Land slightly rolling and black and gray loam. Fair improvements and close to school. 4 1/2 miles of good town. This is a bargain at only \$60 an acre.

10 acres in city limits, of which 8 acres are in full bearing fruit; one-half acre in grapes; there is a 7-room house and a log barn. Terms one-half cash, and the balance to suit at 6 per cent.

156 acres, 100 acres sown to grain and the crop gone, the place if sold before July 1st, also seven head of horses and colts, the cows, two brood sows, machinery and wagon, in fact everything to farm with, including a pair of platform scales, sheep, goats and chickens. The price, including everything, is \$65 an acre, or \$55 an acre without the staff mentioned. This is a bargain at \$100 an acre.

We have 97 acres within six miles of Dallas, close to school and railroad, all under fine, good soil, but no other improvements. The price is \$125 an acre for the next 60 days, with 1/3 down.