

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas morning dawned bright and pleasant and many were the comments on the spring-like day. In fact no day in May could be further away from mid-winter. Green grass and wild flowers tinged the side hills, and were it not for its observance Christmas would have been further from our thoughts.

THE WHEAT TRADE.

The movement locally is small indeed, both as to receipts and shipments. The general features of our market are wholly unaltered. Exporters are only willing buyers when grain can be purchased at or near its market value, and having no pressing need of wheat nor any unfilled engagements, there is no competition, and bids placed represent the actual basis of export values.

Good prices for live stock and the products of animal husbandry mean much more to Oregon than a good price for wheat. The aggregate amount received by the farmers of the state from the sale of cattle, sheep, wool, butter, cheese, milk, hogs, poultry, eggs, horses, goats and mohair, greatly exceeds the amount received for wheat.

ment good of the country it is desirable that prices of everything sold from the farm should be so balanced that all branches of farming will be symmetrically developed. The present market conditions in Oregon are such as tend to develop true farming.—Oregon Agriculturist.

THE choice of Philadelphia for the republican convention city of next year, by a majority of one vote in the national committee, was most fitting in view of the brotherly love now existing in the republican party, which is more harmonious than at any time in its history, and of the fact that the ticket is likely to be nominated by acclamation. Chicago lost the convention by over-confidence, accepting the belief that it was bound to be chosen, instead of hustling; New York was never seriously considered.

SEEKING MISSING SOLDIERS.

Handbills Distributed by The Thousand Among British Regiments. In the whole copious realm of literature dealing with our war big and little, it is rather surprising that there should be only one passing mention made of the fact that periodically tens of thousands of circulars and handbills are issued by the relatives of supposedly dead young soldiers in the ranks asking for a detailed account of the slain, says the London Mail.

Some of these circulars that have related to men killed in a very early engagement of a long-continued campaign have followed the dead man's comrades who participated in and survived the same action to the most outlandish places, where our troops seemed cut off from the whole world; and in one case, a slender and delicate looking middle-aged woman herself bore her circular of inquiry into the very heart of Burma.

These circulars are, in all the seeming simplicity of a few lines of print, such as we at home are accustomed to associate with a lost bracelet, most lurid reminders of the horrors of war, for there is a dreadful particularity of information asked for. The Soudan produced a whole sheet of them, and in each one occurs the dreadful question: "Was he mutilated?"

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the result in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, head aches and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50c at Slocum Drug Co's. Every bottle guaranteed.

HON. W. R. ELLIS IN PORTLAND.

Interviewed, He Denied Being a Candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms. Evening Telegram. Ex Representative W. R. Ellis, of Heppner, is in the city for a few days. He declares that the reports sent out from time to time from Washington to the effect that he is a candidate for sergeant-at-arms are without foundation, so far as he is concerned.

He was asked if he would get seated and take to the hills of Heppner should the people of Washington notify him that a dark horse was needed in this particular case. "They will need no dark horse," he replied without hesitation.

"I do not know how these rumors concerning myself got into circulation, but I do know that it is without my sanction." Mr. Ellis thinks the political pot is slow in warming up in this part of the country, but says he would not be surprised to see it boil over when it does begin.

"I do not know what the democrats will do in Oregon this year," he said. "In fusing with the populists the party has almost lost itself, and I look for little trouble for the republicans in showing all opposition under here. It is fact, it seems to me that fusion has left a mark on the democratic party all over the West which it will find difficulty in rubbing out."

"It is a mistake for any party to think it can fuse with another whose principles and purposes are so different. It may bring success to a party, but ultimately it will fail."

"The republicans of the South are finding out the same thing. Wherever they fused with the populists they are having trouble now."

Mr. Ellis thinks that it is almost certain to be McKinley and Bryan over again next year, unless something unforeseen turns up between now and the nominating conventions. He is of the opinion that what the democrats may gain in Massachusetts by declaring against expansion, will be more than lost in the West, and he can not see that it will gain them much in the South.

ERNEST RHODES' GOOD LUCK.

Those who are disposed to doubt Dr. Darrin's cures, will have their doubts shaken on reading the following cards: "Dr. Darrin: Your treatment for the past eight months has cured me of kidney trouble, inflammation at neck of the bladder and diabetes. For years I have been obliged to relieve my bladder many times a day and night, rendering sleep almost impossible. I now feel like a new man. I shall never fail to consult you whenever I need medical aid. The treatment you gave me for debilitated condition from the grippe was entirely successful. I can be referred to at any time at Pendleton.

ERNEST RHODES. To whom it may concern: This is to certify that Dr. Darrin has cured me of deafness of 15 years' standing. I had been very much annoyed for years with a buzzing noise in my ears to that extent that I could not sleep nights. I will add that Dr. Darrin has cured my son of a loathsome discharge of the ears from the effects of measles. I am postmaster in Bowden, Malheur county, and can be referred to by letter or in person. JOHN B. BOWDEN.

To the Editor: For a long time I have been getting deaf, accompanied with ringing noises in my ears. Dr. Darrin treated me with electricity and with other means, and to my great satisfaction, I can hear as well as ever. I reside at North Yamhill, Or. C. A. VANDERFORD.

Dr. Darrin—Dear Sir: Enclosed find postal order for balance owing you since you were in Madras last September. I thank you a thousand times for curing me of dyspepsia, liver complaint and pain in stomach. I have been well ever since you treated me. Address Brownsville, Or. Gratefully yours, CARIS A. ELDER.

Dr. Darrin will stop at the Palace hotel. Hours 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.; evenings 7 to 8; Sundays 10 to 3. Consultation free and confidential. Eyes tested and glasses fitted. Catarrh treated for \$5 a month. Belts and batteries furnished if necessary.

Republican Club Meeting. The Morrow County Republican Club will hold a business meeting at the council chambers on January 5, 1900, at 7 o'clock p. m. This meeting will be for the purpose of election of officers for a term of two years, and also for election of delegates to the State League convention to be held at Portland February 6, 1900. A full attendance is desired. W. W. SWEAD, President.

Something for the New Year.

The world-renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for near half a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets Hostetter's Almanac. This medical treatise is published by the Hostetter Company, Pittsburg Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing sixty hands in that department. The issue of same for 1900 will be over eleven millions, printed in nine languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The almanac for 1900 can be obtained, free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM. Cures itching scalp, dandruff, itching humors, and restores the hair to its natural color. It is the best hair dressing ever used. Sold by all druggists.

Our Third Special Sale

Our former special sales of Capes, Jackets and Fascinators have proven unexpectedly popular and this week we supplement them with a

Special Mackintosh Sale

We haven't a very large stock this season's stuff, with the exception of a few men's mackintoshes, and we are going to clean them out at special bargain prices.

A Misses' brown mackintosh with cape, length 44 to 50 inches, double texture, velvet inlaid collar, \$3, now \$2.50

A ladies' mackintosh with cape and velvet collar, solid colors, navy blue and black, lengths, 58 to 62 inches, \$3.50 - 2.75

Men's black tricot mackintoshes with capes at the very low price of - 1.75

Men's heavy, tan colored, all wool, lined mackintoshes, cut in box coat style, silk velvet collar, were \$5.50, now 4.50

Our 'Xmas Stock

Is opened up and you will find it surpasses them all in the matter of price. Because they are Christmas goods is not a good and sufficient reason for asking double prices. Look them over.

You can Save Money.

Minor & Co., Heppner, Oregon.

Fresh Meats. Salt and Smoked Meats. Pure Rendered Leaf Lard. Fish every Friday. Liberty Market. Highest price paid for fat Stock. Bock & Mathews, Proprietors. Heppner, Oregon.

State News

Lane county's indebtedness is nearly \$100,000. The Eugene Elks have just fitted up a hall at the expense of \$1800. Blue's hotel at Wapinitia, Wasco county, was destroyed by fire on the 12th.

A semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent was declared by the O. & N. Company on the 14th. Isaac Bergman was re-elected mayor of Astoria last week, with nearly all the non-partisan ticket.

It is now positively stated that the McNamee brothers of Forest Grove, were not drowned in the Yukon or elsewhere.

A Chinese boy, 18 year old, has \$1000 laid up from a salary of \$20 a month from working in a Prineville hotel for 4 years.

The Northwest Herald, of Portland, has suspended publication. It is announced that it will appear January 1st as a daily.

The supreme court of the state will probably use during the year only \$2350 of the \$7200 appropriated by the last legislature for clerk hire.

C. L. Shaw, an Albany dairyman, received \$100.40 from the milk of 14 cows sold to the Albany creamery during the 30 days of November.

A robber attempted to hold up a real estate man in Sumpter. He was knocked down and jailed. So disgraced he was with himself that he committed suicide.

J. B. Huntington, known in Umatilla county as the "cow boy lawyer," is in Sumpter with the intention of settling there to practicing law.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

The town site of Copper Butte, 21 miles northeast of Baker City, has been platted. The town is backed by the Oregon Copper and Smelting Company, composed of Springfield, Mass., capitalists.

John Gross, of Trail Forks, Gilliam county, met with a serious if not fatal accident last week. A horse jumped the fence, taking with him the top rail, the end striking Mr. Gross on the head and fracturing the skull.

Baker City Democrat: Soon after January 1, 1900, three more mines will be added to Baker county's rapidly swelling list of monthly gold producers. These mines are the Little Giant and May Queen, in the Red Bay district, and the Magnolia in Granite district. The Little Giant mill will have 20 stamps; the May Queen 10 stamps and the Magnolia 10 stamps.

La Grande Journal: Many believe that the town of Granite is arranging to put up pretty stiff opposition to Sumpter about the time the snow melts. All the large mills are near Granite, and if the railroad is extended it looks as if Sumpter's life will be told. Others, however, maintain that there are quartz ledges enough near Sumpter to maintain a population of from three to four thousand and still that limit is reached she will be a growing and prosperous town. Time only will tell, and very often it doesn't take much time to record the history of a mining town.

Drugs. The largest and best selected stock in Morrow county. Paints, Oils and Glass. A full stock. Jewelry. A fine stock to select from. Stationery. The very latest. CONSER & WARREN.

GOLD GOLD GOLD. You can save it by trading with Gilliam & Bisbee. COMPLETE LINE. Of Heavy and Shelf Hardware, Graniteware, Tinware, Agricultural Implements, Wagons, Hacks, Etc., Paints and Oils (the best in the world), Crockery and Glassware.

Robertson & Co., (Successors to Hort Bros.) Heppner Candy Factory. We manufacture our Taffies, Caramels, Creams, Nut Candies, Etc. They are always fresh. Fresh Oysters served at all hours. Full line of Lunch Goods, Fruits, Stationery, Cigars and Tobaccos.

Christmas Goods. First Hand Painted Chinaware. Leather Goods. Purses. Xmas Candies. Xmas Goods of all kinds. Pocket Books. Toilet Cases. All kinds of leather goods. Picture Frames. LOWNEY'S Chocolate Bonbons. FOR SALE BY PATTERSON & SON. Up-to-date Druggists.

FLOUR FLOUR. The Heppner Flouring Mill Company. Have perfected arrangements to run the mill permanently. They have secured the services of a first class miller, and wheat sufficient to make and keep on hand a permanent supply of Flour, Graham, Cerm Meal, Whole Wheat, Bran and Shorts. Of the very best quality and guaranteed to give satisfaction.

When Wheat is depressed. Prepare for a reaction by concentrating your grain with The Mutual Warehouse Co. at tidewater. If you are not fully posted about the advantage of the offer, drop us a line and we will explain. The Mutual Warehouse Co. Office, 7 First Street, Portland.

Heppner Steam Laundry. All kinds of laundry work done first class. Special rates on family washing. White Shirts a Specialty. Washing without ironing 3 1/2 cents per pound. Steady customers, 3 c's per pound. Carpet washing 3 cts per pound. Cash on delivery.