

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

For the 19th time the Heppner Gazette wishes a merry Christmas to the people of Morrow and adjacent counties and hopes happiness may be theirs.

Living in a land of plenty, as they are, where nature is lavish in her returns for industry, there is every provocation for happiness, and good cheer may well prevail.

BEAUTIFUL BUSH.

The first Christmas bush was brought to the Heppner Hills by Frank Maddock and Walkeen Miller, who cut it on upper Willow creek, where Tom McCullough's ranch now is. They brought it down on a pack-horse and planted it where Jim Jones' home place is now.

Most of the children here then were grown children, but Miller recited some of his best poetry and all old hearts warmed up to the occasion and became young again, and simple gifts were given.

Miller, ever active and willing to go, had made a 100-mile round-trip ride to Umatilla landing and brought back quite a few appropriate gifts, and the Christmas tree was illuminated with candles, and the cabin made as good a showing as it could toward being a fairy-land.

The back-dinner was a fine feature. There were no turkeys, but there were prairie-chickens and sage-bens and grouse and antelope from the adjoining hillsides, for Frank Maddock was a good hunter.

The saddle-horses had all the feed they could feast on, and the dogs were allowed the run of the house. The pioneers had a happy time, and each received some sort of a present from the tree.

Dock Shobe sang an old love-song of 47 verses, the light-weight Perry Oller, rigged in lemon-colored tights, did a trapeze turn on one of the suspended spider's webs that graced the ceiling, and Geo. Stansberry fell off his chair with suppressed mirth.

Nelse Jones whittled a chunk of mountain mahogany, and Jim Ferguson told of the wild horses he had broken; Jack Morrow sang a tuneless Puget Sound Indian song, and Tom Ayers and Bill Penland and The Only Sam Donaldson and Quiet Abe Wells, and Henry Heppner and Tom and Mike Quaid and Lum Rhea sat around and smoked and laughed and spun yarns and absorbed moisture and said they had a high old time.

And Walkeen Miller put the whole business into a poem, but it was rot, for he had not yet gotten his muse broken to the saddle, and John Hinton told him he had better boil it down and feed it to the bears, and change its title from an epic to a toothpick, as there was nothing to it.

The plum pudding was not a success, for into its batter standing in the old camp-kettle in which it was steamed Perry Oller had accidentally dropped a chunk of yellow soap and a lot of face powder, and Jim Neville said he ought to be made to eat it all himself and then get ten days at Wallula.

JOYS OF CHILDHOOD.

It is hard to imagine a devotion to facts so intense that it can see any harm in a beautiful story that has delighted and enchanted the fancy of countless generations of children, and that is one of the tenderest and most loving memories that we ever recall after we have grown too old, alas, to hang up our stockings any more, and the fairies who walked hand in hand with us in childhood have somehow dropped away from us.

Every child who has never laid awake nights listening for the patter of elfin hoofs upon the roof has been robbed of a joy that nothing in after years can give him. The man or woman who cannot recall the thrill of awakening in the early dawn of Christmas morning, the moment of blissful anticipation before the rush to the overflowing stockings, and the sense of utter contentment as every wish-drawn treasure was drawn forth—a very embarrassment of riches—has missed one of the rare moments of perfect rapture life has to offer.

Stephenson used to say that the finest deed was the better for a bit of purple, and who shall deny that any pleasure is not enhanced by a bit of mystery. The thing that comes to us as a surprise is thrice welcome. It is nonsense to pretend that a child only cares for the thing itself, and would be just as well pleased with a desired toy, frankly given by its parent, as he would be with one that came with all the glamour of fairyland. In the one case it comes as a practical, every-day sort of thing, and with the other with a subtle aroma of poetry and beauty to which he is subtly responsive, no matter how little he can describe it.

GOOD THING.

Senator J. W. Morrow returned from Portland last night. Ever alive to the interests of his constituents he arranged the preliminaries with Col. R. C. Judson, of the O. R. & N. Co., to soon hold in Heppner a Farmers' and Stockmen's Institute. Watch the Gazette for dates.

Col. Judson is doing a great deal for Eastern Oregon, and has a new kind of alfalfa that will grow on hills and keep green all winter.

FORGET NOT THE BIRDS.

At Christmas-time in Sweden you will see in every farmer's dooryard a pole at whose top is a sheaf of grain.

It is set out for the wild birds, and not a peasant in Sweden will sit down with his children to a Christmas dinner till he has first raised aloft a Christmas dinner for the little birds that live in the cold and snow without.

WANTS SHEEP.

Friday's Oregonian contained the following: J. I. Carson and Frank Lacy, sheep dealers, returned yesterday from a two weeks' sojourn in Montana. They report having contracted for 10,000 head of yearlings, to be delivered after shearing next summer, at \$1.75 a head. These sheep will be taken to North Dakota to be fed, and placed on the Chicago market the following winter.

Mr. Carson said yesterday that there are many sheep for sale in the vicinity of Helena and along the line of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, in Montana, and that wool is piled high in the warehouses along the railroad, very little of last summer's crop having been sold yet. The weather on the Montana prairies felt pretty cold for the sojourning Oregonians, the thermometer hovering about the zero mark, with a good breeze blowing the snow into drifts on the sheep ranges. Flocks are now being herded many miles distant from water, as the sheep can eat the snow instead of drinking, and are thus thriving on ranges which are not touched by stock during the summer season.

Mr. Carson intends to buy several thousand yearlings in Oregon next spring, conditionally, saying: "If I can buy them right; but Oregon sheepmen at present are holding their stock at too stiff a price for me." He has moved his family hither from Wyoming, he said, in order to avoid the extreme cold of that elevated plateau region, and will henceforth regard Albina as his home.

An Arlington man challenges Mr. C's above statements and reminds him of previous misleading mistakes, and says he will have to pay the Heppner market price next spring.

SHEEP.

In the great grazing regions of Morrow and adjoining counties sheep are thriving on the open ranges, and grass was never better.

Around Heppner few sheep are for sale. It is said that T. J. Allyn, of Ione has 800 mixed lambs to sell at \$2.00, and Mr. McDonald, at Arlington, said yesterday that he would pay \$2.75 for such sheep.

Mad Willingham bought a carload of mutton ewes from John Edwards and yesterday shipped them to Portland. In the vast mountain region tributary to Heppner, sheep are all doing well. Oscar Schafer was in from there this week, and says that along the John Day grass was never better. He has 1800 ewes at the mouth of Wall creek, and as yet this winter has not had to feed them a mouthful of hay, and they thrive on bunchgrass. And the same may be said of all his neighbor's sheep over there.

The Fossil Journal is now the property of its editor, J. S. Stewart. It is a good paper, and did good work in creating Wheeler County and defending Fossil against the scurrilous attacks of the little bribed sheet started at Twickenham last spring.

WOOL.

The Heppner market continues lifeless. Sam Wilkinson dropped in Friday, but dropped out without buying. In Boston quotations are:

Territory; scoured basis—Montana and Wyoming, fine medium and fine, 17@18c; scoured 48@49c, staple 50@51c. Utah, fine medium and fine, 16@17c; scoured, 47@48c; staple, 50c. Idaho, fine medium and fine, 15@16c; scoured, 47@48c; staple, 50c. Australian, scoured basis, spot prices—combing, superfine, nominal, 73@75c; good, 65@70c.

MILD AS MAY.

Heppner weather the first of the week was rather breezy and the Chinook wind blew long and loud, and would have quickly melted all the snow in the Heppner Hills. But there was none to melt, and the Chinook found only growing grass and verdant hillsides.

This Chinook wind is the salvation of any stock region, and will melt off snow faster than any sun that may be getting in its warmest work.

The Chinook overcasts the sun and does not allow a ray of it to shine during its business hours. It is a warm wind, but when you ride against it on elevated plateaus you rarely perspire and often feel rather chilled.

When the wind went down Sunday it was succeeded by some slight showers, starlight nights and gray days mild as May. There have been slight sparkles of frost about Heppner, but the hardy bunchgrass has kept growing right along.

Today's weather is balmy but breezy, with spasmodic streaks of rain and some sun in spots. The warm Chinook wind blew hard last night.

JOYOUS EVENTS.

Heppner children are having lots of pleasure provided for them. There will be Christmas trees on Christmas eve at both Methodist churches, the Christian and Baptist church.

MONUMENT MASONS.

Oscar Schafer, who was over this week, says that a new Masonic lodge has been organized at Monument, and starts with 18 charter members, who have built a nice new hall 24x48, and fitted it up very neatly. The new organization has made all arrangements to ask the grand lodge to grant a dispensation, and after that there will be a grand time over there, and Mayor Frank Gilliam, P. O. Borg and other prominent Masons will go over and help start the work.

Mr. Schafer says that Monument is growing right along, and will be one of the best towns in Grant county. Its location is good, being half way between Heppner and Canyon, and its population is increasing and new buildings are going up all the time.

WHEAT, WOOL AND STOCK.

Portland, Dec. 19. The European market showed some strength yesterday, but it apparently slipped off the cable before it reached this country, for the American markets were weak. Locally, there was a limited amount of business doing on the basis of about 54 to 54 1/2 cents for Walla Walla, although these figures were about a cent above the ruling quotations made public by most of the exporters.

Wool—Valley, 13@14c for coarse, 15@16c for best; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; mohair, 25c per pound. Sheepskins—Shearings, 15@20c; short wool, 25@35c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long wool, 40@11c. San Francisco, Dec. 18. —Wool—Spring—Nevada, 11@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@14; Valley Oregon, 15@18c. Fall—Northern, mountain, 9@10c; mountain, 8@10c; plains, 8@10c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@12c. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts 6000; market generally slow; prime steers \$5.15@6.00; poor to medium, \$3.50@5.00; stockers and feeders, slow, \$2.60@4.00; canners, \$1.75@2.40; bulls, \$2.35@4.35; calves, weak, \$4.00@5.50; Texas fed steers, 4.00@4.75; Texas grass steers, \$3.25@4.00. Sheep, receipts, 18,000. Sheep and lambs 10 to 15c lower. Choice wethers, \$3.75@4.40; fair to choice mixed, \$3.40@3.80; Western sheep, \$3.75@4.40; Texas sheep, \$2.25@3.50; native lambs, \$3.85@5.50; Western lambs, \$4.50@5.40.

MRS. MARY GREGOVICH.

Mrs. Mary Gregovich, of Phillipsburg, Montana, under date of Nov. 28, 1899, writes: "I had typhoid fever this summer, consequently was losing my hair terribly, and my head in places was perfectly bald. Newbro's Herpicide had just come into use in Phillipsburg, and the doctor strongly recommended it to me. After 3 or 4 applications my hair dropped falling out, and is coming in again quite thick. I need to be troubled greatly with dandruff, of which I am now quite cured." Kill the dandruff germ with Herpicide.

HEPPNER CHURCHES.

Episcopal church—Rev. W. E. Potwine. Services on Sunday, Dec. 30, at usual hours. M. E. church—C. D. Nickelsen, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. M. E. church, South. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. F. M. Canfield, pastor.

Christian church—Sunday School at 10 a. m. Elder J. B. Lister, state evangelist, will preach at the Christian church this morning and evening, Dec. 30. All members of the congregation and their friends invited to be present.

Baptist church—Sunday School at 10 a. m. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. J. W. Stockton, pastor. Monthly covenant meeting Saturday, 2 p. m. The Sunday School will have a Christmas tree for the little folks Monday evening, B. Y. P. Union at 6:15 p. m. Sunday, Sunday morning subject: Earth's Hallelujah; evening, Buried Treasures.

Catholic Church—Rev. Fathay Kelly. Services 3d Sunday in each month at 10:30 a. m. Beginning Nov. 18. Father Kelly will hold services Dec. 25th at 10 a. m. and on the 30th at 10 a. m. At this service a marriage ceremony will also take place.

SOMETHING NEW

Just published by the Northern Pacific Co. is a pamphlet upon the resources of Western Oregon, which includes an excellent map of the state, and contains information on climate, lands, education, etc., existing industries and their capabilities.

Attention is also directed to such new fields for energy or capital as promise fair return. This publication fills a need long experienced by eastern friends, in replying to inquiries of eastern friends. Copies may be had of local agents Southern Pacific Co., or from C. H. MARKHAM, G. P. A., Portland.

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A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by Conser & Warren.

RETURN THE COUPONS.

We will discontinue issuing coupons redeemable in Gold Aluminum Tableware Jan. 1, 1901, and would be glad to have all the coupons returned by that time so that same may be redeemed. If we are short on this tabularware we will make up a list and have enough forwarded to redeem every coupon out. Bring them in. MINOR & CO.

If you want to buy some very low priced ranches, see George Wells, at Conser & Warren's drug store.

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WHEAT WHITE ALL THE FALLS. Do not buy cheap. Buy in time. Buy by direction. CONSUMPTION.

A Few Timely Suggestions. May save you considerable brain fatigue. Its no easy matter to make the most appropriate selections for a long list of your best friends. You should have no trouble pleasing the ladies from the following list. Fancy Pendleton Blankets, Indian Robes, Fur Collarets, Fur Capes, Jacket Suits, Jackets, Silk Waist, Skirts, French Flannel Waists, Pictures, Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, Kid Gloves, Pillow Shams, Toilet Sets, Cushion Covers, Battenburg Work, Satin Slippers, Manicure Sets, Mirrors, Medallions, Handkerchiefs, Salad Sets, Chinaware, Silk Neckwear, Bracelets, Chatelain Bags, Girdles, Etc., Etc., Etc. For the Children. There is an endless variety of goods in TOYS, GAMES, DOLLS, Etc. One article for the boys that is worthy of special mention is a Little Overcoat. There are only a few—come early. We Can Save You Money. Agents for Butterick Patterns. January number now in.

MINOR & CO. Oregon. GRACIOUS GIFT. The Ladies Cornet Band has received a fine silver-plated tuba, the gift of Jos. Luckman and S. P. Garrigues. TO SAY THAT THE LADIES ARE DELIGHTED DOES NOT EXPRESS IT, AND THEY APPRECIATE THE KINDNESS VERY MUCH. THE LADIES HAVE ADDRESSED FOUR INSTRUMENTS TO THEIR SET AND IT IS THE INTENTION TO BUY MORE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITHOUT GOING IN DEBT. NEW REMEDY. G. B. Hatt, of Heppner, who has had 20 years' experience handling hair, has invented a new preparation that renews the growth of hair, removes dandruff and all irritations, and improves the hair and scalp in every way. HE HAS THOROUGHLY STUDIED THE HAIR AND SCALP, AND KNOWS THEIR NEEDS. MR. HATT WILL PUT HIS NEW PREPARATION ON THE MARKET AT ONCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC. IN THE MOUNTAINS. C. C. Shilling came down Monday from his mountain home near the head of Dutch Billy creek, 15 miles south of Heppner, and went on down to Linn county to visit his parents for a few months. WINTER HAD ARRIVED AT THE SHILLING RANCH AND IN THE ADJACENT MOUNTAINS WHEN MR. SHILLING LEFT. THE GROUND WAS FROZEN FOUR INCHES, AND SOME SNOW CAME SATURDAY, AND FALLING ON DRY GROUND AS IT DID, IS VERY LIKELY TO REMAIN ALL WINTER. THE FIRST FAL OF SNOW, 8 INCHES, HAD GONE OFF WEEKS AGO. HEPPNER MARKET PRICES. Wool per lb. 11 to 12. Wheat per bushel 41 to 45. Flour, Heppner, per bbl. \$3.00. Oats per 100 lbs. 80. Barley per 100 lbs. 55. Hay, alfalfa, per ton 7.00. (In stack at ranch) 5.00. Hay, wheat 9.00. (In stack at ranch) 7.00. Bacon per lb. 12 1/2 @ 15. Lard per lb. 12 to 12 1/2. Beef, best, on foot 11 to 12. Beef, cut up 7 to 10. Butter per lb. 25 to 30. Eggs 20. Potatoes 1 1/4 to 2 1/4. Chickens per doz. 3 to 5. Dry Hides, No. 1, per lb. 15. Sheep Pelts, per lb. 10.

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