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CHRISTMAS

The earth has grown old with its burden and care,
But at Christmas it always is young;
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair
And with soul full of music breaks forth
In the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.
—Phillips Brooks.

We who have reached the meridian of life, or passed a little beyond, can well remember when away back yonder in childhood's early morning how very long it seemed from one Christmas to another. But now they follow each other in such rapid succession that we are almost amazed at their frequent occurrence. We have come to measure time by events. We are absorbed with the interests that engage our minds, and take no note of time and its flight. There are times when our daily occupations seem wearisome and the hours long, but when we are surrounded by congenial companions, or our minds engaged in the study or contemplation of some subject that interests us, how swiftly pass the hours. As we advance in life the range of our observation and interest is broadened, and so crowded with matters which engage our attention, that time seems to fly much more rapidly than it did when we were in the hey-day of youth.

But Christmas is here again. The Christmas spirit is in the air. Its beneficent influence is stirring our hearts and young and old are coming under its spell. The advertisements, the shop windows, the throngs of busy shoppers, the mysterious packages hidden away, the frequent whispered interviews, the knowing looks interchanged between those who are in the secret, the shining faces of the boys and girls we meet upon the street—all bear witness to the fact that Christmas has come again.

Of course, this all has a special fascination for the children, but it appeals to us all. "There is about it the charm of mystery, the tonic of expectation, and a contagion of good cheer which appeals to the child heart. It is pre-eminently the children's festival."

WHY THIS OPPOSITION.

There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of some of the nature and purposes of the Morrow County Boost Club. We are informed that the committee canvassing for aid to the publicity fund for properly exploiting the resources of the county in order to attract the attention of immigrants and capitalists to its many advantages, is meeting with some very unreasonable opposition. It is urged by some that it is only a move on the part of some of the business men of Heppner to boost the town and their own business at the expense of the country, and others look upon it as solely a scheme of the real estate men to increase their own business regardless of the interests of others.

Now the reason of this opposition, to our mind, is not far to seek. It is found in the great preponderance of selfishness in the average human being. He is not prepared to consider any proposition unless he can see in it some direct material advantage to himself. His vision is circumscribed within the narrow bounds of his own requirements. He is like the old man, who, in his devotions prayed: "Lord, bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more." There is a certain degree of this selfishness in all of us and it would, perhaps, be saying too much to claim that the promoters of the Boost Club are entirely exempt from its vile contamination, but the difference between the booster and the non-booster is, the former has a vision while the latter has not.

The booster sees how, by the exer-

cise of some energy, the expenditure of some cash and a judicious course of advertising, the population of the county can be increased one hundred percent within the next two years, and how, in a short time, our exports will be vastly enhanced by the introduction of new industries and further development of natural resources. For instance, the booster sees no necessity for sending to Hood River for strawberries, apples and potatoes when just as good quality can be produced at home in almost unlimited quantities if the same care is given to their cultivation. He can see, also, in the not very distant future, a Morrow County of twenty or twenty-five thousand population, the great majority of whom, by scientific cultivation of the soil, are a prosperous and happy people.

The throng of desirable citizens who are looking for homes in this great Northwest never have a thought of Morrow County simply because their attention has never been called to it. They are not aware that they can purchase farm lands here at a much lower figure, all things considered, than anywhere else in the State. They know nothing of the fertility of our soil, our climatic conditions, our forests of mountain timber, our undeveloped water power, and many other resources only awaiting the advent of capital and industry to develop them. And all this just because we have not thought it worth while to get out into the lime light and beckon these good people to come this way. The best time to do anything that is worth doing at all is NOW. By and by will be too late. Get busy NOW! Every man and woman in the county should get a move on them for "a greater Morrow County" NOW.

Don't Kiek, but BOOST!

Oregon has a population of 872,765 according to the figures of the thirteenth census, an increase of 62.7 per cent over ten years ago, when the state had 413,536. The increase in 20 years has been 114 per cent. The gain shown by the census figures entitles Oregon to another representative in Congress two years hence, even if the ratio of representation is increased, in accordance with custom. The financial condition of the State, as shown by the State treasurer's report, is in excellent condition, their being \$424,913 on hand, with no debts, bonded or otherwise.

New industries are being established and Oregon products are sought after even in foreign lands. Europe and Asia are calling for our fruits. Even Siberia is buying our apples—a shipment of choice Hood River apples being recently sent there for sale; and a hundred boxes of Comice pears raised near Medford sold on the London market for \$10 a box.

Rogue River orchardists will plant 1,500,000 pear and apple trees this season. This new planting will cover 20,000 acres and bring the total orchard acreage of that valley up to 80,000 acres.

This is only an indication of what is being done in other parts of the State and shows that Oregon is rapidly coming into her own.

The annual report of the Portland Union Stockyards company shows Portland is becoming a great packing center. The value of livestock shipped the first year the concern was in operation amounted to \$8,335,000.

At Oregon City is located the third largest paper mill in the world,

Only by patronizing home institutions can home institutions be kept up. It is poor policy to send your money away to Sears, Roebuck & Co., who pay no taxes here and most certainly spend no money here. If you are hard up your home merchant gives you credit. Sears, Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, et al, will only sell for cash. When you send your money away to them you see the last of it, if you spend it at home you may get some of it back. Forty million dollars is a great deal of money for a mail order house to be able to divide as profits on the trumpery they sell. A man showed us a suit of clothes he got from one of the mail order houses last week for ten dollars and we can safely say it looked cheap in every sense of the word. It looked like the same style was worn by his grandfather and the goods were of the shoddiest kind, but then it only cost \$10 and that covered all imperfections. The same suit could be bought here for the same money but the poor mail order house needed it more.—Condon Times

What Our Exchanges Say About Us.

WATSONBURG TIMES

Our old friend Vawter Crawford, who has been a resident of Heppner, Ore., for many years, has purchased the Heppner Gazette which, by the way, is the oldest paper in Morrow County. Vawter is an old Watsonburg boy and received his first lessons in "journalism" in this office. He served his apprenticeship as "printer's devil," commencing as roller-boy on our old Washington hand-press, later becoming proficient in all the mechanical part of making a country newspaper. Vawter is a practical printer, knowing the business from the "ground up," and being also a "natural booster," he will make good. THE TIMES takes a special interest in wishing for Vawter Crawford abundant success.

CONDON TIMES

Mr. A. J. Hicks has transferred the management of the Heppner Times to Mr. W. O. Thompson of Portland and Mr. Vawter Crawford has bought Mr. Fred Warnock's interest in the Gazette. By this arrangement Heppner has the distinction of gaining two new editors in the same week. We wish them both success in their efforts to boost Morrow County in general and Heppner in particular.

BLUE MOUNTAIN EAGLE

Vawter Crawford has bought the Gazette from Fred Warnock and made a big improvement in the quality of news in his initial issue.

Fred Warnock has sold the Heppner Gazette to Vawter Crawford. While we are rather sorrowful in saying goodbye to Warnock we take great pleasure in saying hello and good luck to our friend Crawford.—Optimist.

Merry Christmas!

"Christmas comes but once a year." Let us greet it with smiling faces and a good dinner.

We hope our friends, one and all may have the very best Christmas of their lives, so far.

This is the season of good cheer. May we entertain only the kindest feeling toward all, and punctuate it with loving words and generous deeds.

Is it not about time for the good people of Heppner to get together and make their plans for a more beautiful town? Many changes can be made that would add materially to its attractiveness. An organization of men and women to take this matter in hand could accomplish great good. Why not make it the most attractive town in Morrow County, or in fact Eastern Oregon, for that matter?

Get busy! BOOST!

IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE

To Buy Goods
at

Marquardsen's CLOSING OUT SALE

BUY NOW
or Pay MORE Later

TAKE NOTICE: This is the Last Call

The stupendous volume of farm products in the United States the past year are in value \$8,920,000,000. Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture gives these figures in his annual report. It is almost double the value of production in 1899. In 11 years the total value of farm products has been \$79,000,000,000.

Gilliam & Biabee will give tickets on the \$100 chest of Silver for Oct. and Nov. accounts if paid before Christmas.

The First National Bank

HEPPNER, OREGON

Established in 1887

As the pioneer bank of Morrow County, we have been identified with the business interests of this section for a long period.

New business invited.

Careful attention given transactions by mail

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State Depository

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS' CONVENTION

and

MID-WINTER SHEEP SHOW

PORTLAND, OREGON
January 4-7, 1911

For the above occasion, round trip tickets will be sold from Heppner by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company at

\$7.75

Tickets on sale January 2nd and 3rd, 1911, good for return until January 10, 1911.

For further particulars, call on any O. R. & N. Agent, or write to

WM. McMURRAY,
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FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS

for backache, rheumatism, kidney or bladder trouble, and urinary irregularities. Foley's Kidney Pills purify the blood, restore lost vitality and vigor. Refuse substitutes.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 5th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that RESSE G. DYKSTRA, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on June 30th, 1909, made Homestead Application, No. 06702, for 8 1/2 NW 1/4, Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 27 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 28th day of January, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: George W. Dykstra, J. H. Carmichael, Louis Groshens, and A. W. Dykstra, all of Heppner, Oregon. d8 j12. F. C. BRANWELL, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 1st, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that WILLIAM B. TUCKER, of Heppner, Oregon, who on December 3rd, 1904 made Homestead, No 14024, Serial, No. 03405, for 8 1/2 S E 1/4, Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 17th day of January, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: Henry Stowers and T. M. Scott of Lexington, Oregon, and Frank Wilkins and R. J. Snyder of Heppner, Oregon. d7 j12. C. W. MOORE, Register.