



Merry Christmas



ASHLAND climate, without the aid of medicine, cures nine cases out of ten of asthma. This is a proven fact.

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MALARIA germs cannot survive three months in the rich ozone at Ashland. The pure domestic water helps.

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PIONEER TELLS OF CHRISTMAS HERE IN 1865

MRS. A. H. RUSSELL RECOUNTS HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES IN ASHLAND THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD.

Community Tree Where Odd Fellows Hall Now Stands; Calcio and Dress Goods Favorite Christmas Remembrances of Former Days.

Christmas in Ashland fifty years ago! What memories the words awaken in many an aged heart! Most of those who lived here in the 60's had but lately come from the East, leaving behind loved ones from whom they were separated by the width of a continent. More than one heart was sore over the loss of friend or relative, killed by the savage foe who still lurked in the surrounding hills with arrows and cruel tomahawk.

But the little company of pioneers was brave and cheerful, determined to make the best of the hard conditions in their new home. And all conditions were not hard. Ashland weather was just as pleasant then as now, the trees and mountains as beautiful, the water as pure and sparkling. Wild game was plentiful, while clothing, groceries and other things needed were hauled or packed over the mountains from Crescent City and Portland.

"Well do I recall the Christmas of 1865, the next year after the Civil war," relates Mrs. A. H. Russell, eighty-three year old Ashland pioneer living at 117 North Main street, to a Tidings representative. "I was twenty-seven years old and living with my husband right here where I have resided ever since. We had a community Christmas tree in the town hall, which stood on the site of the present Odd Fellows' building.

"There were sixteen business and professional men in Ashland at that time. They were: Charley Klum, school clerk; Bob Hargadine, store keeper; Jim Thornton, woolen manufacturer; Jake Wagner, flour mill; Jim Russell, marble works; Mike Nickleson, blacksmith; Bill Kentner, wagon maker; Ebe Emery, tavern keeper; John McCall, merchant; A. V. Gillette, sawmill man and justice of the peace; Ed Deapel, lawyer; Abe Helman, carpenter; Abe Giddings, stage driver; Oliver Applegate, teacher; Ivan Applegate, telegrapher; Albert Rokefeller, whose business I cannot recall.

"Here is a dim photograph showing these men standing in front of the old Ashland House, which was located on the present site of the Ford garage. There is Bill Kentner with a wagon wheel, my husband with a block of granite, and all the rest of them, each with something

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Special Christmas Program At The Vining Theatre

"The Silent Call" has been announced as the feature attraction at the Vining theater for Christmas day and Monday.

Throughout the dramatic incidents of the plot that involve the human characters of the story, runs the thread of the life of Strongheart; the cross pull between the wolf and dog natures in him, his final mastery of the former, and his vindication in the eyes of all, because of his heroism in rescuing the hero and heroine from the real danger that confronts them. It is the day who first realizes the love between Moran and Betty Houston, played respectively by John Bowers and Kathryn McGuire, and who seeks vengeance on the villain, Brent, portrayed by William Dyer. It is Strongheart, too, who finally binds the parted lovers together to happiness.

The story is based on the Saturday Evening Post story, "The Cross Pull."

On the same bill is "Buster" Keaton in "The Boat."

MONDAY IS OFFICIAL HOLIDAY; STORES CLOSE; NO ISSUE OF TIDINGS

Although Christmas falls on Sunday this year, Monday will be observed as the official holiday. Banks and business houses will be closed all day. With the exception of eating places and refreshment parlors, all business will be halted. The post office windows will be open from 9 to 11 o'clock in the morning and all mail will be thrown to the lock boxes.

In accordance with the past custom, the Tidings will not be issued Monday.

Senate Refuses Gasoline Tax By Vote of 15 to 14

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—The senate early this afternoon failed to pass the gasoline tax fair financing bill by a vote of fifteen to fourteen, the same deadlock which existed over the measure when the senate adjourned last night.

Senator Moser raised the point that due to the death of Senator Hume, leaving only twenty-nine members of the senate, fifteen was an unconstitutional majority, in case the bill had been adopted.

President Rittner stated that the issue would be decided by the attorney general, to whom the question had already been submitted and who had held that the necessary majority called for sixteen votes. President Rittner ruled in accordance with the attorney general's decision. By a vote of fifteen to fourteen, the senate overthrew Rittner's decision, and the matter will probably be settled in the courts.

STORM SWEEPS OVER LOUISIANA 8 DIE, MANY HURT

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 24.—Five or six negroes and one white woman were killed near Farmer's Ferry during a storm which swept over a portion of northeastern Louisiana today, according to reports received here.

Many were injured. Miss Nellie Spain, who had her arm crushed to a pulp and two ribs broken, was fatally hurt. She and her mother were blown a hundred feet when their home was demolished by the wind which threw the girl against a tree.

VINING TO ENTERTAIN KIDDIES AT FREE SHOW MONDAY AT 11 O'CLOCK

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Bergner, the popular movie people, are preparing a rare Christmas treat for Ashland kiddies, in the form of a free matinee for all children Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The program includes Marguerite Clark in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," and Charlie Chaplin in "Shoulder Arms." The kiddies are to be congratulated on this chance to see free of charge two of the most popular stars in filmdom in such excellent plays.

NATIONALISTS ATTACK BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICE AT CARIO, EGYPT

CARIO, Egypt, Dec. 24.—The governmental offices at Giza were attacked today by a mob of nationalists. British troops have been sent to Giza to restore order.

JUDGES' EXPENSE FUND MADE

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 24.—The house has passed a bill appropriating money with which to pay the expenses of circuit judges who are required to leave their respective districts in the performance of their duties. Authority for the judges to claim traveling expenses was given by the legislature at its last session, but through an oversight the lawmakers failed to make the necessary appropriation.

Floods Threaten Ohio; "Santa" Causes Riot

MANY FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS; OHIO RIVER RISING

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 24.—As a result of the recent excessive rains, Cincinnati and the nearby districts are threatened with flood which promises to bring much suffering and damage to property.

The Ohio river has risen eighteen feet in the last twenty-four hours. Many persons have been forced out of their homes in the Mill Creek valley.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 24.—Telegraph and telephone lines throughout central Illinois are down due to the heavy rain, sleet and wind storms. The wires are broken in many places by the heavy coats of ice.

Christmas Party Monday—The Trinity church Sunday school will give a Christmas party on Monday, at 4 o'clock, in the parish house.

Haz Kik



'Twas the night before Christmas And father had spent The coin he had saved for the Groceries and rent; The rest of the family Had gone to the hay, But paw, he stayed up So's to dopa out a way To settle his bills when The blame things came due, But he soon gave it up And he went to bed, too! This is rhymetic fact. HAZ KIK.

DECEIT IS MADE HOT ISSUE; TWO JAIL BIRDS HURT

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 24.—Rioting, as a result of which one man was sent to the hospital and a second given medical attention, broke out in the county jail today, when two of the prisoners engaged in a hot dispute as to whether or not children should be told there is no Santa Claus.

SINN FEIN ARSENAL IS RAIDED OF EXPLOSIVES AMPLE TO DESTROY CITY

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 24.—Enough explosives to blow up the entire city were discovered when a large force of policemen raided a secret Sinn Fein arsenal today.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TO GIVE XMAS COLLEGE STUDENT BALL.

An open invitation is extended by the Medford high school alumni to all Ashland college students to attend the Alumni Christmas ball, which will be held at the Medford Nat on the evening of Monday, December 26. The Greater O. A. C. association has co-operated with the alumni in conducting this dance, and all college students are invited. Several special invitations have been sent out, but in order to reach all Ashland college students this general invitation is extended.

Sen. McNary Is Optimistic Over Confab

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—(Special)—The armament limitation conference at Washington has accomplished more toward world progress and the interests of peace and good will than any other event of modern times, in the opinion of numerous congressmen, whose views were sought by the International News Service.

"I think," said Senator McNary of Oregon, "that the activities of the League of Nations and the apparent results of the Washington conference have done more in 1921 toward establishing world peace and settling the problems arising between nations than has ever been accomplished in any other period of time. The treaty proposed by the administration covering insular affairs in the Pacific will go a long way in preventing misunderstanding between the signatory parties to the pact."

A. H. S. STUDENTS MAY ISSUE SCHOOL PAPER REGULARLY

At the high school yesterday afternoon the following students were honored as letter men of the 1921 football team: Allan Brower, Ross Taylor, Harry Hill, Dale Young, Harland McWilliams, Allen Autry, Elton Ramsey, Leslie Heer (captain), Earl Snyder, Albert Guthrie, Charles Rush, Harry Evans, Ermole Carlan, Raymond Bower, Raymond Ruger, Howard Hobson, and Manager Francis Winters.

The financial report of student body activities showed that the receipts and expenses so far this year were about \$1400, of which about \$250 was paid out for material. Printing bills alone were close to \$100. The Lebanon game cost \$425 and the receipts were \$500 in round numbers. Money was lost on the Roseburg game. The Rogue News, a paper issued by the students this week, just about paid for itself, 200 copies being sold at 20 cents each, and \$40 worth of advertising space being sold. The latter was sufficient to pay for the picture of the football team, which can be used in future publications. The issuing of the Rogue News every two weeks during the remainder of the school year is being considered. During the next two or three months, interest in athletics is expected to center about the numerous basketball games which are being planned.

The meeting closed with a song, "Joy to the World," sung by the students, teachers and visitors, and led by Miss Leona Marsters, the music superintendent. Miss Marsters has been elected as a delegate to attend the coming national convention of music superintendents, to be held in the spring of next year. Many favorable comments on the excellent work of Miss Marsters are heard from both parents and pupils.

Happy Hello Girls—Ashland's telephone girls are happily decorating their Christmas tree, which bears, among other interesting presents, a big box of candy from the H. F. Norton company.

FRENCH BALK ON SUB ISSUE NEW DANGER

CONFERENCE DELEGATES MEET GREATEST SNAG OF PARLEY; FRENCH REFUSE LESS THAN 90,000 SUBMARINE TONNAGE.

France to Press Demands; British Make Stiff Fight; U. S. Propose Compromise of 60,000 Tonnage for America and Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The balking of France in accepting the naval ratio plan as applied to submarine craft, gave evidence today of throwing the disarmament conference into another dilemma more serious than any that have been encountered. France is still holding out for a submarine fleet of 90,000 tons, the maximum figure set for the United States and Great Britain, it was learned today.

The French demands admittedly form the chief obstacle to overcome. Having yielded on the capital ship issue with the plain warning that a similar concession could not be made in the matter of auxiliary ships, the French are prepared to press their demands to the utmost.

Against this ambitious French program, the British are prepared to fight with grim determination. The British delegates consider the 90,000 ton figure for submarines far too great, even for themselves and the United States, the chief naval powers of the world.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—With or without reservation, the four-power Pacific treaty is now certain of ratification by a substantial two-thirds of a majority of the senate, republican senators closely associated with the administration stated emphatically today.

"The leaders are not in the least perturbed by the demand for reservations other than the 'irreconcilables,' for, they added, if the majority of the senate considered some reservations necessary to dispel all doubt as to the meaning and purpose of the treaty, they do not believe that there will be any serious objections to them.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The United States had adopted a compromise rule in today's secret meeting of the delegates representing the world's naval powers, and presented to the conference a new proposal that the submarine tonnage for the United States and Great Britain be fixed at 60,000 tons. According to the plan, the other powers will retain their present submarine strength.

Former Ashland Druggist Meets Success In Venture

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McNair arrived Wednesday from Oakland, Calif., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Ashland. Mr. McNair until recently owned and operated the East Side Pharmacy, but is now interested in the clothing business in Oakland, where his brother-in-law, Clyde Briggs—son of E. D. Briggs, this city—has the Golden Gate Cap company, which manufactures headwear.

Mrs. McNair, whose artistic and original millinery and dress designs have been much admired by her Ashland friends, recently designed a child's cap and cape which has since had a very large sale. A single San Francisco firm placed an order for \$592 worth, and the White House department store is listing the garments in their forthcoming catalogue, which circulates among 80,000 customers. The goods are made by Mr. Briggs' factory, which now has more business than it can handle, and therefore is not accepting any more orders for the McNair "Kiddie Cap" until after the holidays.



By KENNETH SULLIVAN

Out of the maze and tangle of life's existant web of fate, men have yearly sought to set apart from grosser things the recurring sanctity of Christmas Day, not only in humble tribute to One who came from finer stuff to feet of clay that man might understand, but as an effort at an idealism granting the joy of belief without treading too tediously the paths of reason, where doubts assail.

For at least a day the heart strings of all Christendom are more closely entwined, and the dreams of men combine in commemorating the birth of the Christ-child in Bethlehem, where the Wise Men of the East bore gifts to the straw-filled manger shrine, a throne from which the King of Kings held court for the first time, and began a reign of increasing goodness under His guidance.

Tomorrow men will stop in the daily round of mere existence, commune with themselves—and find it good. The Wise Men bore their gifts of jewels and wealth, not because of an intrinsic value,

but as a symbol of tribute. Essentially the spirit of giving is the same today, although the scenes have shifted, and in resurrected brightness the guiding Eastern Star shines not only on a far-off corner of an age-old land, but on new continents, new people and new activities arrested for a brief spell. And while men give to each other they will liken their gifts to the first tribute paid to their God, the ruler of man's destiny.

Truly, it will be a day of cheer. Happy children will wake in the early dawn of Christmas mornings, hard on the heels of the much-heralded visit of Santa Claus. The time-honored Christmas tree, gaily decorated by fond parental hands, will assume a monumental place of importance in the minds of Young America. Young and old, glad hearts will ring truer to the Yuletide spirit, and sad hearts with memories yet undimmed, will become glad in the prevailing glow of friendship, a time when old quarrels are relegated to an obsolete past, and new feuds remain unthought.

Where the spoken word fails to reach, the mails will span continents and bridge oceans in sending the cheer of a Merry Christmas round the globe—and bearing a message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."