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When coldness wraps this suffering clay,  
 Ah, whither strays the immortal mind?  
 It cannot die, it cannot stay,  
 But leaves its darkened dust behind.—Byron.

That naval holiday will save the United States dollars and cents besides satisfying the dictates of its common sense.

Why not magnify good in those Pacific peace treaties instead of exaggerating and distorting their defects? Could any treaty along these lines be devised that would please everybody? Hardly!

**MY CHOICE**

By O. H. BARNHILL

I'd rather write a little song—oh, say, about two inches long—and have it read by folks I know, who daily greet me here below, than write a heavy, four-pound book, for those on whom I never look, and have my name in papers great, which people read in old York state. Give me the touch of friendly hands. I crave no fame in foreign lands. If I can see I'm striking oil in hearts of those with whom I toil, I'm satisfied to eat my bread in thankful joy for what I've said. My messages are never hurled across the wide and watery world. I love the folks I've never seen, yet never turn with envy green for their applause and praises big—I'd rather be a little pig and have my back scratched every day by those with whom I work and play.

An agency for the Liberty car has been established at Medford, and anyone interested in them may see them at the Riverside Garage. P. F. Close is agent. 132 S. Riverside. 83tr

We make our own candles, ice cream and tamales. Enders Confectionery. 62tr

**Santa Claus Does Rush Business During Last Hours Before Xmas Churches Plan Elaborate Programs**

Although the ground is bare of snow, Ashland will enjoy a white Christmas, using the word to indicate the spirit of generosity and good will which permeates the hearts of the people. Santa Claus is doing a record business in bringing gifts and good cheer to Ashland homes, which are bright with wreaths of Oregon holly and laurel berries, bunches of mistletoe and other seasonable decorations, which are so plentiful in this region. Hundreds of Christmas trees are seen in homes, churches and places of business, beautiful firs costing only the cutting. The Hotel Ashland, and the Stevens, Good Eats and Home Bakery restaurants and other places are preparing big turkey dinners for Christmas. Many private dinner parties have been arranged for and the popular greeting heard everywhere is "Merry Christmas!"

Appropriate exercises will be held at all the churches tomorrow. Some gave Christmas programs last evening, and others will be given this evening.

Tonight there will be seasonable programs at the Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Nazarene churches by the Sunday schools. The Presbyterian Sunday school will give a program Sunday evening, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

The Baptist entertainment will show how a little church kept Christmas by giving gifts, instead of receiving them. Upon the pulpit platform there will be a small church, to which gifts will be brought by Sunday school classes, taught by Miss Eugenia Carson, Mrs. B. H. Hinthorne, Miss Marjorie Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Inman, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Walter Evans, Albert Williams and V. O. N. Smith. Each class will bring a different kind of presents. Boxes will be passed around to receive additional gifts from the older classes, not represented in the exercise.

All the articles donated will be distributed to the needy of the city by a special committee Sunday afternoon.

Music will be furnished by the regular choir. Special music will be given by choir girls dressed in white. Bell ringers and garland bearers will appear in costume. Other interesting features of the entertainment are not for advance publication.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Baptist Young People's Union will conduct the services. Many unique and surprising features are promised, including a ride in an airplane with Santa Claus as pilot. Dr. Mattie Shaw will read Dr. W. B. Hinson's poem, "Bethlehem." The public is cordially invited to this and all other Christmas exercises at the churches.

The following program of a Christmas cantata will be given at the First Presbyterian church Christmas morning:

Organ voluntary. Mendelssohn. Hymn, No. 73. Invocation. Cantata—"The Christmas King." "Prepare Ye the Way," introduction and chorus. "O'er the Silent Eastern Hills," duet—Mrs. Ashcraft, Miss Poley and choir. "Follow the Guiding Star," Men's chorus. "Glorious Morn" choir. The Bible story. Prayer and choir response. Announcements. Offertory. Trio from "Elijah"—Mrs. Ashcraft, Miss Allen, Miss Poley. "And There Were Shepherds," solo—Mrs. Ashcraft. "Go, Go, OVID," Miss Allen, women's chorus and choir. "The Song is Ringing Still," solo—Mrs. Ashcraft. "Joy to the World"—Choir. Cradle Hymn, solo—Mrs. McGee, quartet accompanied by Miss Allen, Miss Poley, Mr. Patton, Mr. Kelly. "Praise Ye the Lord"—Choir. "Fair Lord Jesus"—Altos and Basses. "There is Room in My Heart"—Choir. "Come and Worship"—Choir. Benediction.

Members of choir—sopranos, Mrs. Ashcraft, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Fuller; altos, Miss Poley, Miss Allen; tenors, Mr. McGee, Mr. Patton, Mr. Larsen; basses, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Frost, Mr. Kelly. Organist—Mrs. J. S. Parson. Chorister—Mrs. J. H. Fuller.

did and does. Christ gave gifts unto men.

Church of the Living God, you are God's child. Give Christmas gifts to men. Hang the world's stocking up. The chimney corner is crowded with the hung-up stockings of the world's children and needy grown folks of the whole earth. They must not be disappointed on Christmas morning, must they?

Wherefore, everybody blessed of Christ, in whose hearts Christmas is come, give Christmas gifts to the world, to which Christ gave Himself a Christmas gift. Merry Christmas! And if we give to the least of these His brethren, the non Christmas morning we shall see the Christ looking at us and smiling. Merry Christmas!

**At the Churches**

**Catholic Church**  
 Northeast corner Sixth and C streets. Mass at 8, 9 and 10 o'clock. High mass at 8 o'clock. Singing by an augmented choir.

**First Baptist Church**  
 Tonight at 7:30 o'clock, Christmas tree and exercises with gifts for the needy. Sunday morning worship and sermon at 11 o'clock—a Christmas message. Sunday evening at 7:30, special service by the young people; Dr. Mattie B. Shaw presents Dr. Hinson's "Bethlehem." Walter L. Evans, pastor.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
 Vicar, the Rev. P. K. Hammond. Holy communion at 8 o'clock a. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning service and sermon on "Christmas Joys and Blessings" at 11. Mrs. Gladys Shortridge will sing the offertory solo, "The Song the Angels Sang." The choir will sing "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields," and other special music.

**First Congregational Church**  
 Boulevard and Main streets. Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock, with classes for all grades and ages; bring your Bible. Morning service at 11; subject, "Christianity's Estimate of the Child Life." Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; subject,

"Following the Star: What do Men Find?" Matt. 2:1-12. Evening service at 7:30; subject, "The Quest of the Magi." Special music will be rendered at both the morning and evening services. You are given a hearty welcome to come and worship with us. W. Judson Oilfield, minister.

**Methodist Episcopal Church**  
 Sunday school at 9:15 o'clock; Dr. G. W. Gregg, superintendent. Morning service at 11; sermon by the pastor; subject, "The Price of Glory." Epworth League at 6:15; Prof. Ira C. Wilson, president.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
 Pioneer avenue South. Sunday services at 11 o'clock. Subject of lesson, "Christian Science." Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Wednesday evening meetings at 8 o'clock. Reading room open daily from 2 to 5 p. m. except Sundays and holidays.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

**DETTRICK'S GROCETERIA**  
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**A Christmas Gift to the World**

By BISHOP WILLIAM A. QUAYLE  
 The silent skies have set up a song. The great blue black vault of the night heavens is now a blaze of light and a gust of song. There is a chime of wings—the wings of angels. Their silver trumpets shine like white fire. The domed skies are

crowded with shining faces and every face clear as a star, but like a star smiling.

And then these shining, smiling faces break forth into exuberant music. Singing was invented that night. It sprang full-throated from heaven's heart, the hallelujah chorus of the angels. The black night sky, silent for centuries past, has now become a holy, exuberant, exultant voice.

What has happened to bring the shining, winged angels down against our ground where sleeping sheep are watched by sleepless shepherds in the dark? Nobody can guess. The thing which brought them there is beyond our guesses. We cannot guess so high. Though we fly far like the stars, we cannot come as far as the Epiphany of that night. What happened? Ask it, earth! ask it, sin-weary world! Ask it, unbounded world! ask it, weary, weep-ink women! ask it, war wounded men; ask it, slave kennelled with the dogs! ask it, child who hangs no Christmas stocking up! ask it, dim eyes from which all hope has died! ask it, ye earthly multitude for whose throats there is no song, and for whose hearts there is no sky, and for whose dust there is neither angel nor spirit! ask it! And the angels raptured their song. Christ is here, this is Christmas night! Run, shepherds! though ye be slow of foot, outrun the winds!

And now since that night all the year's road leads toward Christmas. We are Christmas-bound. We look ahead, and there sweet Christmas stands. When God gave His only begotten Son—that is Christmas—the gift of God of His Son, even our Christ. Merry Christmas! The earth has Christmas wherefore, earth, exult; lift up your voice and sing Christmas carols, not to the skies, not to the angels in high Antiphon, but to God the Father, for the gift of God the Son.

We must all hang up our stockings. Christmas is here.

Christ gave gifts unto men—Merry Christmas! We must be His little children, His bigger children, His big children. We must do as He



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We feel that our talks on thrift and our encouragement to save have given many Jackson County residents a happier and more substantial holiday season.

So we join with you in the celebration of a very Merry Christmas. But let's not forget to share with the lonely, the sad, and the poor.

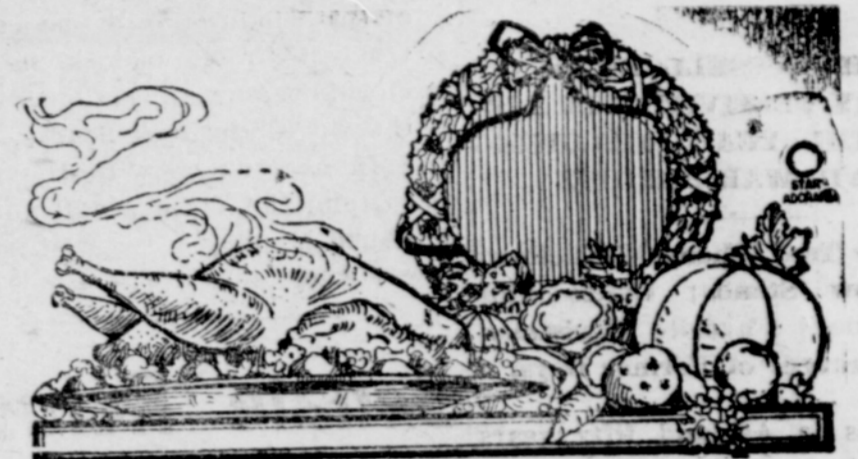
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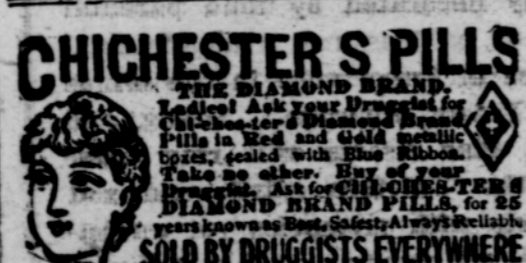
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