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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

1907 Has Been Our Greatest Year—1908 Will Excel It.

The all-pervading cheer of Christmas, supreme holiday of the year, is abroad in the land. For weeks the surging shoppers have been massed upon the streets by the tens of thousands, and packed in the more popular stores like sardines in a box. Everybody wears the smile of good nature and optimism. At no time during the Lewis & Clark Exposition, nor even last year before Christmas, were there such throngs upon the thoroughfares. You worm your way through the multitudes upon the sidewalks, fortunate if you can get into the doors of the stores, for you find the aisles crowded and the elevators jammed. If there is really any stringency in the money market, everybody seems to think that the trouble belongs to someone else, for they have plenty of money to buy what their desires prompt. In fact, the determination to fill the stocking of the poor seems more general than in former years.

Portland is particularly proud of the fact that she was first among the one hundred leading cities of the United States to pay every demand made upon her in coin, and from the first moment since the "lid was lifted", Monday, December 16, the amount of gold in each of the banks has constantly increased and now it is pouring in at the rate of $100,000 a day.

There is still an opportunity to be one of the winners in the great $5000 prize contest offered by the Portland Commercial Club. The papers throughout the United States will have lots of space between December 28th and 31st and they will be glad to print your letters. Remember, these articles must appear in papers printed outside the states of Oregon and Washington. "Get busy."

1907 rings down the curtain during a rapidly disappearing uneasiness, with the people in a hesitating mood regarding immediate investments, but at the same time it has been the most wonderful year the Pacific Northwest ever enjoyed. In no other twelve months was there so much money brought into the country from the wheat crop; fruit scored its biggest success; lumber added many more millions of dollars than ever before; the same is true of the products of the dairy, while the grower of poultry has nothing to complain of. We are rich and prosperous in spite of the fact that there appears to be a stringency, more a matter of mind than reality. Let us quit bemoaning imaginary troubles, inspire confidence and get ready to eclipse in 1908 our past year's record, wonderful as it has been.

Today there are forty-five vessels in Portland's harbor, loading with the products of the Pacific Northwest, to supply the needs of every port of civilization.

Bishop Scadding Sets the New York Tribune Right

The Right Reverend Charles Scadding, Bishop of Oregon, is doing marvelous work throughout the East in presenting the resources of the Beaver State. Reports of his illustrated lectures come from various sections, and the newspapers everywhere have given Oregon an immense amount of complimentary prominence as a result of the Bishop's work. His best effort is a letter just printed in the New York Tribune, and reads as follows:

"Sir: Having just seen a copy of your issue of Sunday, December 8, containing an article on 'A Bishop With No Fixed Abode,' I desire to correct a false impression which some paragraphs may convey.

"You present a very spectacular picture of Mr. Paddock, the new Bishop of Eastern Oregon, but it is imaginary and based on ignorance of the conditions of which the new Bishop is to become a part. Eastern Oregon is not like the wildest wilds of Wyoming. It is neither populated by foreign immigrants, who form the 'tenement problem' of our great cities, nor by cow boys who carry bowie knives in their teeth and six-shooters in their hip pockets. It is rapidly settling with sturdy, stalwart American citizens, who have the courage to leave the East and Middle West and come to a state which has the greatest undeveloped resources in the Union.

"The rollicking, drinking, shoot-on-sight cowboy exists only in Bowery melodrama. His place has been taken very largely by the college graduate, who now works a ranch on scientific principles.

"The new Bishop will not be required to dress like a cowboy, but will need his evening clothes and most immaculate linen in his wardrobe; for he will find the men as well dressed and the women as well gowned as most of the men and women with whom he is accustomed to associate. The Bishop will find a far lower average of vice and sin and crime in his new diocese than in New York. Oregon stands third among the states for the small number of illiterate persons in proportion to population, while New York ranks forty-third.

"Twenty thousand homeseekers came into Oregon during the past few months, for the most part a fine class of young people attracted by the equable and salubrious climate, the fertile soil and the fact that the profit this year on Oregon apples was $600 an acre, on cherries $500 an acre and on prunes $200 an acre, and by many similar facts.

"The problem for the bishops and clergy of Oregon today is not that which is supposed to belong to a 'wild and woolly West,' but the problem of trying to make the Christian religion and good citizenship keep pace with the remarkable commercial developments. I believe Oregon is today the strategic field for the Church and that now is the psychological moment to advance."

Died

Chester Milo Emerson died at his home one and one-fourth miles south of Cottage Grove Friday, December 21, 1907, at 6:15 p. m.

He was born at Latham, Lane county, Oregon, June 30, 1881, and was 26 years, 5 months and 20 days old.

Last Fall he with mother and brother, Chris, went to New Mexico with hopes that his health would be restored. But upon finding that the climate was not benefitting him and that he was rapidly becoming worse, they returned to their home about a month ago.

The funeral sermon was preached at the Christian church under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World and Company "E," O. N. G., both organizations marching to the Shields cemetery, where the interment took place. After the impressive ceremony of the Woodmen of the World, the bugler of Co. "E" blew "taps" over the grave of one of their comrades—the first to be taken from their ranks since the Company's formation.

He leaves a father, mother and four brothers, Ab Emerson of Eastern Oregon, Chris, Ben and Will of this place, to mourn his death.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS

Splendid Show Windows In Cottage Grove

Beautiful Windows That Would Be a Credit To Any Town Are Much Admired by Hundreds of Enthusiastic Shoppers.

Compton & Wallace have in their windows a fine line of ladies' collars, table linen and handkerchiefs, as X'mas suggestions of useful gifts to the ladies.

C. H. Burkholder displays some beautiful pieces of drawn work and other linens for the table; also some "comfy" house slippers for women's wear, and up-to-date shoes for both men and women.

The Modern Pharmacy—candies and Lowney's chocolates, too. A very neatly dressed window is here, showing up the excellent grade of candies Mr. Grigg handles. The other window is in snow and evergreens, filled with leather goods, giving to the passer by a glimpse of the good selection that is inside.

The Ideal Millinery windows breathe out the spirit of Christmas with its wreathes and sprigs of holly, while the rest of the space is taken up by a score of children's caps now on sale.

The Bazaar, the store for all ages. Toys, dishes, postal cards and every other novelty that could be had is shown at this store. The windows give a vivid idea as to the completeness of the stock and many suggestions for Christmas gifts are to be found.

Benson's Pharmacy—a window full of dolls, animals, banks, books, mirrors,—everything to choose from for every one of the family, and friends. The window is arranged neatly and attractively.

Wheeler-Thompson Co.—Christmas gifts, that is the sentiment expressed in the display of furs and silk umbrellas for ladies and gentlemen in this window. Shoes, the latest shapes and styles, are prominent in this showing and offer to the buyer good values that are made to please.

The Wave—Fancy boxes of candy make a very attractive window at the "Wave," where a background of postal cards show the nearly unlimited assortment the proprietors have. French candies in bulk and every candy that is sold in our larger cities is to be bought here; but the windows appeal to the Xmas gift buyer because of their clean and attractive arrangement.

W. C. Johnson's—The windows speak of the good things that the word Christmas implys (at dinner time). Oranges, bananas, nuts and apples are in abundance. Fancy China dishes, very dainty and a good selection to pick from, are there for your inspection and acceptance.

D. J. Scholl's, the gift shop—This is one of the most suggestive windows of the business houses of the city. There is a gift appropiate for the season for every purpose. Watches, rings, pins, chains and hand painted china. The window is decorated very artistically with white Christmas bells and holly.

The Toggery—If it is difficult for any one to select a suitable present for the man, these windows will aid you in your selection. Gloves, ties, umbrellas, etc., everything "manish" up-to-date just the right thing.

W. A. Hemenway—This store makes excellent use of the two display windows on corner of Fifth & Main streets. In the Main street window some of the most beautiful dress goods in the latest browns, greens, and reds are shown. In the Fifth street window are the dainty Christmas gifts, pincushions, sofa pillows, Christmas cards, drawn work center pieces, every neat and useful gift imaginable.

L. Lurch with a record for up-to-date, interesting and attractive windows, this store shows to the public, this season a different arrangement. The east window is filled with linens, china, cut glass and every appropriate gift for either lady or gentleman. The next window is indeed interesting to the children. Besides the number of toys it displays a mechanical contrivance keeps in motion Teddy Bears and dolls in toboggans coasting down a mountain of snow.

Veatch & Lawson.—This firm have the most useful presents displayed in their windows. There are carpets, rugs, chairs, tables, music cabinets, tabouretts, baskets and all the articles that furnish the home and make it the most beautiful of places.

Metcalf & Brund.—As grocers this store has in the east window all the requisites that make the Christmas feast the best of the year. Apples, oranges, pineapples, bananas, raisons, cranberries, etc. The other window displays one of the best lines of china in the city. The patterns are desirable and they are ideal gifts.

Harms & Magee have in their windows a number of their winter hats, the latest and most becoming shapes.

Wynne Hardware Co. has mechanical window showing their supplies attractively placed on a revolving wheel while the west window contains the various necessities of the house and some pretty shapes in fancy candlesticks.

Cochran & Cooley.—Furniture of all description, lace curtains, leather grips etc. make up the windows of this firm and offers to the Christmas shoppers many hints for useful gifts.

J. B. Lewis has some fancy, combs, lace, collars, waists, etc. in one window and a line of staple groceries in the other.

Pearce Bros. display a very neat window of dishes and groceries and in another window they show a complete line of shoes which they handle.

Griffin & Veatch Hardware Co. show a complete line of holiday goods, chafing dishes, knives and some very pretty silver plate dishes.

H. C. Madsen with his most beautiful show windows of cut glass and every form of jewelry effers to the gift buyers many ideas for Christmas.

Garman & Hemenway Co.—A typical fairy land of toys. These windows are filled with the many interesting things that delight children and please the grown-ups.

The Fashion Millinery displays a most beautiful line of headgear for the holidays.

The New Era Drug Store,—These windows have a fine lot of leather goods and all Christmas novelties, cards, brushes, miarors, that will please the shoppers and will rendever the recipient happy.

MASQUE BALL FOR TONIGHT

A Grand Time Expected At The Armory

Brilliantly Costumed Ladies and Gentlemen. To the Strains of Entrancing and Exquisite Music, Will Dance—Prizes For Best Characters.

The attendance at the Masquerade ball at the armory tonight will be enjoyed by many participants and visitors. Spectators will be charged twenty-five cents, and if what we hear around town is true, as to the makeup and personifications of the characters to be represented by the maskers, no one will regret the price paid to look on. The prizes and the givers are as follows:

Best sustained lady character, Jewel Box, value $12.50, given by Company E.

Best sustained gentlemen character, Watch Chain, value $6.25, given by D. J. Scholl.

Best lady waltzer in costume, Gold Locket, value $10, given by Garman & Hemenway Co.

Best gentleman waltzer, in costume, Watch Fob, value $10, given by Garman & Hemenway Co.

Most original lady character, Rocking Chair, value $5, given by Veatch & Lawson.

Most original gentlemen character, Razor, value $5, given by Griffin & Veatch Hardware Co.

Most comic lady character, Vase, value $4, given by Modern Pharmacy.

Most comic gentlemen character, Box Cigars, given by McQueen & Ostrander.

Most beautiful, rich and tasteful lady costume, Stein, value $4, given by Pearce Bros.

Most beautiful, rich and tasteful gentleman costume, Umbrella, value $5, given by E. Hebbard, (Toggery).

Silk Creek Items

Mr. Parmele made a trip to Cottage Grove Friday.

Mr. George Elliot and the Misses Amanda, Helen and Rose Foster were in town Saturday.

Elder B. C. Tabor of Cottage Grove attended the service at the Adventist church Saturday morning and spoke to the people.

Carl Larsen and Warren Mably, two students of Royal Academy went to Roseburg Friday to spend Christmas with their parents.

Eugene Miller and Mrs. T. Richardson were in Cottage Grove Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wheeler visited at the home of their brother M. F. Babcock Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Wilson attended church service in Cottage Grove Saturday afternoon.

Clyde Babcock went to Cottage Grove Friday afternoon spending Saturday and Sunday with friends at that place.

Franklyn Wheeler who has been teaching school in Astoria, Oregon, is at home to spend his Christmas vacation with his many friends at this place.

CHRISTMAS AT THE M. E. CHURCH

Sunday School and Choir Furnish The Program.

In addition to three Christmas trees loaded with presents for all, also a big Santa Claus and a little Santa Claus, the following splendid program was well rendered.

PART I

THE YULE-TIDE STORY

Motion song.....First Primer class
Beautiful Christmas Tree.....Third Primer class
The Fairies.....First Primer class
Boys for Christ.....Fifth class
Santa Claus Nap....Twelve Characters

PART II

REDEEMER AND KING,—CANTATA

1. Thy Light is Come.....Chorus
2. The Lord Shall Comfort Zion,.....Duet
   Mrs. W. C. Connor, Mrs. A. Brund
3. How Beautiful Upon the Mountains, solo, Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle
4. And There Were Shepherds.....Solo's and Chorus
   Mrs. A. Brund, Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle
5. The Song of the Angels.....Women's Chorus
6. O Thou Who by a Star did Guide,.....Contralto solo, J. M. Isham
7. Sing O Ye Heavens.....Chorus
8. Seek Ye The Lord.....Tenor solo
   Dr. J. O. Van Winkle
9. O Come all Ye Faithful.....Male Quartette
   Dr. J. O. Van Winkle, W. A. Hogate, J. M. Isham, C. S. Cochran,
10. Hail Redeemer and King.....Chorus

Christmas Time.

Once more our hearts grow light and gay and we roll the Yule Log back to glow with the coming of Merry Christmas. The stars shall shine again as they did in the past; our hearts throb with joy and again the world is all at peace.

The placidness of tranquil thoughts fill our soul with the longing to live the dear old life once more; the scenes of childhood days return and we are glad to live, and to see others join the carol of happiness and love.

To the civilized world Christmas brings jewels of priceless value; the wholesoulness of man has a chance to do as his better thoughts would have him. The traveler feels the warmth of the strangers hearth and happy greetings bring him nearer to home and loved ones from whom he is far away. The sailor is happy though he be on the boundless deep for he knows the fire of love is burning with joy at his home coming. The city thoroughfare is thronged with busy Christmas shoppers, all happy and free, hurrying along with presents and good wishes, priceless for they are the offering of Christmas for friends far and near.

We watch the childish glee of the boy and girl, the deep felt gratitude of the youth and maiden, the soulfull gladness of the silver covered brow whose eyes fill once more with the light of by-gone years.

The zenith of heaven bedecked with golden lights shining over the world with the twinkle of joy. The Cathedral Naive is filled with smiling faces full of thanks blended with the softness of the organs, peel rising upward through the chancel of the hearts of men, storming the portals of Heaven, the whole world singing in brotherly love "Gloria in Excelcis Deo," while the heart bursts the bondage of sin and all are happy once more to live Christmas again.

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