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CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The term "Christmas" has a world of meaning for all mankind in almost every clime on the inhabited globe, even among the heathens in faraway Africa and China, but especially so in every land of civilization where Christianity is the abiding faith of all intelligence.

Just nineteen hundred and three years ago was born to humble parents a child whose birth had been predicted and looked forward to with great interest by the old world. So strong was the faith of some that undisputed history hands down the remarkable journey of the three great and wise men of the East who traveled days and nights over deserts and plains to be present to witness and to welcome this child which was expected to and proved to be the Saviour of mankind, and they were not disappointed, for, at the time and place as expected, Christ was ushered into the world in a manger, the child of Mary and Joseph, but in reality the messenger of God, who sent His only begotten Son, that the world might be saved. Every day of this child's history is full of interest, but that which attracts most is from the time he entered upon his ministry. With this child was born a new era in Christendom and the influence which his few years of life left has been rolling down the centuries and gathering strength with each succeeding epoch in the world's history, until today his teachings are accepted the world over as the best and truest that humanity can find. His entire ministry was fraught with personal hardships, yet his patient endurance and forbearance with those that persecuted him and at last crucified this same Jesus on the cross, was enough to make the world weep when his life and work were better understood. No person, good or bad, appealed to him in vain and his goodness and charity was an example which has alone made the world better. The meek and lowly Jesus was despised by certain people in those days and when they were carried so far in their prejudices and hates that they would murder this man who had in all his life returned good for evil, and who had never attempted other than to do good to mankind, he said: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," and this too, when he was on the cross willingly giving up his life that the example might be felt for good for all time to come.

Then, as a celebration of the birth of this Jesus Christ, why should not Christmas bring its good cheer and be a time of rejoicing in every heart able to appreciate the life and good work of the man who came into the world to save sinners.

Mrs. M. J. Smith, and her son, E. R. Smith, arrived at this place Monday from Pottsville, Iowa, to enjoy an extended visit with the family of their son and brother, E. F. Smith who resides a short distance south of this city. The brothers made the LEADER a pleasant call Tuesday, and the visiting brother informed us that the thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero when they left home on the 17th inst and that it has since dropped to 20 below. He is very favorably impressed with old Oregon and notes a decided difference in the temperature, overcoats, not even being in demand here. The families went to Eugene Wednesday to spend the holidays with the families of two other brothers and the occasion will partake of a family reunion, the first in 20 years.

After two weeks at Cottage Grove and Bohemia, Edward L. Huff, went to Portland, Monday. He has just been to the Bohemia district, and reports matters lively in that section. The work of surveying the Crystal Consolidated claims for patent has been completed, and Mr. Huff left Tuesday night for his former home at Cripple Creek, Colo., where he will spend the holidays. He is much impressed with the Bohemia district, and has been making his home at Cottage Grove.

Elsie Holderman, came down from the Bohemia mines Saturday to spend the holiday season with his family. He had charge of the construction crew on the fine new Champion basin wagon road which was completed late last fall.

THE FIRST LEADER.

Well Preserved Copy Presented to this Office by I. H. Veatch of Creswell.

The first copy of the first newspaper ever issued from a printing press in Cottage Grove was presented to the LEADER office Monday morning by I. H. Veatch, formerly of this city but now of Creswell. Mr. Veatch happened to be present on June 15, 1889, when F. W. Chausse started up his little "Army" hand press on the first issue of the LEADER which was then styled the "Cottage Grove LEADER." The first number of the paper fell to Mr. Veatch who has carefully preserved it to this day, and from the fact that the LEADER's early files unfortunately became destroyed this is probably the only copy of the first edition in existence, and is therefore highly prized. The initial number of the LEADER was a seven column four paged paper all home print and started out with a liberal advertising patronage considering the size of the town at that time, which the first LEADER says "contains 400 inhabitants and ranks as the second town in wealth in Lane county, Eugene with a population of 3000 ranking first." As far as growth and advancement is concerned Cottage Grove has since that time kept pace with Eugene and has grown from a town of 400 inhabitants in 1889 to a city of 2000 at the present time while Eugene shows a similar gain. Referring to the Bohemia mines the first copy of the LEADER said: "Forty miles due east of Cottage Grove is the Bohemia Mining district which is reached by 20 miles of wagon road and 20 miles of pack trail. There are several mining locations there, the old Knot mine, with two shafts, one 55 and the other 57 feet. It produces gold bearing quartz averaging from \$12 to \$40 per ton. Six miles southwest is the Pierson Brothers Claim, free milling gold, running as high as \$260 per ton. Two miles west of the Pierson is Geo. Brockerhoff's silver mine. One half mile from Pierson's is Sharps Silver Star mine, which claims a yield of as high as \$140 per ton. The Old Knot Mine has a five stamp mill the only one in the district. Good Placer digging are found on Sharp Creek and Steamboat Creek, tributary to Bohemia."

Never did the writer of the above imagine that within the comparatively short period of 14 years the shrill whistle of the railway locomotive would resound through the crags and peaks of old Bohemia and that the little 5-stamp mill of the district would be replaced with electric power plants, driving 30-stamp mills, air compressors, great Leyner drills, motor lines, tram cars and saw mills, but that day is actually at hand in the Bohemia Mining district. The old pack trail has given way to fine graded wagon roads and a modern wide-gauge railroad and numerous large modern mining plants have been, or are being installed to work out the precious metals hidden in the depths of old Bohemia and what great advancement is in store for this rich mining district within the next dozen years no one can foretell.

Equally as great advancement has been made in the same period of time in the timber and lumber industry of this section of the county, four large milling companies now being engaged in operations about this city.—The Pacific Timber Co., the Long & Bingham Co., the Booth-Kelly Co., The Lorena Lumber company besides Wheeler & Owens, the McKibbin Brothers, Philip Hohl Co., and other small companies while it is generally admitted that the timber and lumbering industry here is still in its infancy.

Another industry which has become of considerable importance and which is mentioned as merely being prospected in the initial number of the LEADER is the extensive Blackbutte Quicksilver mines located 16 miles south of Cottage Grove which has a fine modern equipped plant and under the management of W. B. Dennis has become very valuable property, furnishing employment for a large force of men.

In demonstrating the great progress and advancement made in Cottage Grove and the many industries hereabouts since 1889 let us not overlook the LEADER which has grown from a four to an eight paged paper and while its initial number was printed on a small 100 pound \$60 army hand press, one page at a time, the paper today is printed, four pages at a time from a 4,000 pound Hoe Cylinder power press valued at \$800, while the rest of the office equipment shows the same increased facilities for up-to-date printing, which demonstrates the fact that the LEADER has fully kept up with the procession, if not a little in advance of it, and promises to continue to do so.

Cottage Grove has enjoyed a steady substantial growth since the LEADER's advent here and with the great natural resources of the tributary county to back it up there is

Rev. Dr. Driver who will deliver his lectures, beginning January 3rd at the Methodist church, will have a question box through which any question will be answered. If there are any skeptics or spiritualists, or any of that class in the community he will answer their questions.

T. K. Richardson, the local music dealer and a prominent member of the Improved Mineral Smelter Co., spent Saturday and Sunday in this city looking after his business interests here which are under the able supervision of F. S. Day. Mr. Richardson informed the LEADER that the demand for territorial rights and the construction of this new smelter by corporations and individual mine owners, was becoming great.

J. H. Booth May Be Retained.

It is learned from a private dispatch to a prominent citizen that the president has not yet decided whether he will retain J. H. Booth for receiver of the Roseburg land office, the Oregonian to the contrary notwithstanding.—Eugene Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Nov. 15, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. J. Walton, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on Jan. 15, 1904, viz: Nicholas Hostettler on H. E. No. 8967, for the e $\frac{1}{2}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$, sw $\frac{1}{4}$, sw $\frac{1}{4}$, sec 18, T. 20 S., R. 2 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Hostettler and Christ Hostettler, of Saginaw, Oregon, Charles Sears and C. H. Jones, of Cottage Grove, Or. J. T. Burdoss, Register. (N27)

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If You See It In Our Ad It's so

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THIS IS.....
YOU SEE
A CHRISTMAS TREE
ONE OF THE
BEST TYPE TOO
AND WHILE DEAR
SIR IT IS NOT A
FIR, YET IT WAS
MADE FIR YOU. 'TIS
TRUE YOU SEE UPON
THIS TREE NO PRESENTS
RICH AND RARE; YET
PLEASE BE KIND AND
BEAR IN MIND IN WISH THE
GIFTS ARE THERE. WE NOW
WISH ALL, THE SHORT AND TALL,
YOUNG MIDDLE-AGED, AND GRAY,
THE POOR
THE RICH,
WHITE,
BLACK
AS PITCH.
A MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY

WELCH & WOODS

The Leaders in Low Prices and Hustlers for Business

ANNOUNCEMENT

Christmas Goods In Choice Variety WATCHES CLOCKS JEWELRY

I have purchased the Davidson Jewelry Store, located in the Dr. Wall building, and it shall be my endeavor to cater to the general public with a complete and well selected stock of up-to-date goods—quality unquestioned and prices as low as the lowest. I shall be personally responsible for all guarantees. Have just received some very attractive articles in cut glass and silverware, also a large and select line of watches, chains, rings, charms, neck chains, emblem goods, lockets, bracelets, etc., and we will take pleasure in showing goods and naming prices, whether you purchase or not.

Optician and Jeweler

We have secured the services of Mr. F. M. Hartzler, a practical optician, engraver and jeweler. Free engraving on all goods purchased of us. Eyes tested and consultation free.

Geo. W. McQueen

positive assurance that it is destined to become an important commercial city within a few brief years.

OLD BUSINESS FIRMS.

It will interest our townspeople and country readers to pursue the following list which comprised the business people of Cottage Grove when the LEADER was established, few of whom remain in business, a "star" indicating those firms which are still conducting business here; *Eakin & Bristow, general merchandise; *L. Lurch, general merchandise; Stouffer & Markley, furniture; J. P. Currie, druggist; Thos. Allen, harness shop; J. I. Jones, meat market; J. L. Wynne, paper hanger and painter; Cottage Grove hotel, J. V. Thornton, prop; Home Hotel at depot, W. H. Wiltse, prop; Central Hotel, Mrs. M. J. Cochran; J. M. Culp, barber; C. H. Jones, contractor & builder; D. Hemenway, blacksmith; D. K. Charles, physician & Surgeon; Carey & Markley, blacksmith; Piper & Holderman, hardware; Hemenway Bros, Livery Stable; Lockwood & Griffin, real estate. The first LEADER states that J. I. Jones was the first, Eakin & Bristow, second, and W. W. Shortridge, third to call and subscribe for the LEADER, cash in advance. The world do move.

Ice Cream, Ice Cream The Wave will be prepared to furnish patrons with ice cream on Christmas day.

The Yule Time.

Buckwheat batter
In the can.
Sausage frying
In the pan.
Frost is here.
Yule Time's come,
Bucks and Sausage!
Yummy-yum!
Keeping house—just wife and me,
Like a morning glory, she.
Day is over,
Yule log glows,
Cross the fields the
North wind blows,
Chestnuts ripe and
Frost has come.
Nuts and elder!
Yummy-Yum!
Wife and me! Just wife and me!
Like a star of evening, she.
Dr. Geo. Wall Seriously Ill.

Dr. Geo. Wall of this city, was confined to his bed with inflammatory rheumatism, one week ago Tuesday and his condition has grown quite serious since that time, however, his friends and attendant physicians anticipate a change for the better in his condition very soon.

Amendment is Valid.

The Supreme Court has handed down its decision declaring the initiative and referendum law which was adopted at the last general election, as valid, and the referendum amendment, adopted therefore stands as a law of the state.

Christmas Presents

Just what your friends would most appreciate as a holiday gift

Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Cut Glass and the finest line of..... JEWELRY

ever displayed in Cottage Grove. The prices are cheaper than quoted in large cities. Call and see : : :

H. C. Madsen, Jeweler



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None Better Made See your Hatter

No Argument Necessary

The selling powers of the McKibbin hat talk for themselves : : : :

Style, Quality and Price

The three things to consider in selecting a hat are combined here :

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Fine new stock just received for the

We are still offering remarkable bargains in

Holiday Trade

Everything for your Christmas and New Year pastry and other cooking

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