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DALLAS, OREGON, DECEMBER 24, 1907.

The way to build up Dallas is to pat-  
ronize Dallas people.



### BURDENSOME TAXATION.

The people of Dallas received a Christmas package from the city council in the shape of a 6.3-mill tax levy for general purposes and 1.7 mills for the water fund. This is the highest tax levy in the history of the city, and is equal to 12 1/2 mills on the old basis of valuation. The receipts for the coming year, including saloon licenses and miscellaneous receipts, will not fall far short of \$8000. Even with this immense levy, the city is almost certain to find itself broke before the end of the year, as a large warrant indebtedness has already piled up, and the council will either have to care for these warrants or continue paying interest on them. Should the county happen to go "dry" at the June election, then it is certain that all of this big sum of money will be needed, and more.

A special tax of 1.7 mills was levied for the payment of interest on water bonds and to call in one bond. Adding this special tax to the general levy, the people will be called upon to pay a total of 8 mills on a double valuation this year. It is urged in defense of this unprecedented levy that the city is growing and that the tax levy must grow accordingly. It is true that Dallas is growing, but it will be hard to make the taxpayers believe that the city has doubled in growth and importance in the last three years, as taxes have doubled in that length of time. The OBSERVER has worked long and earnestly for the upbuilding of Dallas, and desires to see the town keep in the very front of the onward march of the times, but it regrets exceedingly the existing condition of the town's finances. The burden this year will be hard to bear.

The OBSERVER wishes its readers a Merry Christmas.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS BELLS

Appropriate Exercises Will Be Held  
in Dallas Churches Tonight.

Is Santa Claus a myth? Well, hardly! At least it would be a difficult matter to persuade the younger generation that he is, after tonight's entertainments, for in four of the churches of Dallas one can already find the unmistakable evidences of his presence, and the benevolent old saint has made positive promise to appear in at least two of these places tonight and, if possible, in a third.

At the Methodist Church a forest of five handsome trees has been decorated in long chains of dark evergreen and scarlet bells. After the close of the program, in which every class in the Sunday School will be represented, these trees will be despoiled of their rich fruitage of gifts and given over as a prey to the children. It is also reported that Santa Claus may drop in to take part in the festivities if he can make arrangements to do so.

Although the patron saint of Christmas time will not be present in person at the Evangelical church, the church will endeavor to make up for that lack by the elaborateness of their decorations. A midnight sky between the arches of the rostrum will flash with beautiful stars and an enormous tree, so tall that it can scarcely stand upright in the hall, will bend under its load of presents.

The Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church will be filled with incandescent bulbs, which will produce a very novel and beautiful and lighting effect. The decorations will consist mainly of holly. After the program is ended Santa Claus will appear on the scene and distribute the gifts.

The main feature of the program at the Christian Church will be a bright little Mother Goose play by the children of the Sunday School. Several fine musical numbers have also been prepared for the occasion. Here good old St. Nick will be present to see that justice is dealt out to the boys and girls who have been so perfectly well behaved during the past three or four weeks.

Andrew Holman and family, of Grants Pass, are spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Holman.

## Catarrh

Invites Consumption  
It weakens the delicate lung tissues, deranges the digestive organs, and breaks down the general health. It often causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, and affects the voice. Being a constitutional disease it requires a constitutional remedy. Hood's Sarsaparilla Radically and permanently cures. In usual liquid form or in chocolate tablets known as Sarsaparilla. 25 Cents.

That our American forests abound in plants which possess the most valuable medicinal virtues is abundantly attested by scores of the most eminent medical writers and teachers. Even the untutored Indians had discovered the usefulness of many native plants before the advent of the white race. This information, imparted freely to the whites, led the latter to continue investigations until to-day we have a rich assortment of most valuable American medicinal roots.

Dr. Pierce believes that our American forests abound in most valuable medicinal roots for the cure of most obstinate and fatal diseases, if we could properly investigate them and take advantage of this conviction, he points with pride to the almost marvellous cures effected by his "Golden Medical Discovery," which has proven itself to be the most efficient stomach, liver, kidney, heart, brain and regulator, and blood purifier known to medical science. It cures all indigestion, torpid liver, functional and even valvular and other affections of the heart, and yields to its curative action. The reason why it cures these and many other affections, is clearly shown in a little book of extracts from the standard medical works which is mailed free to any address by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., to all sending request for the same.

Not less marvellous in the unparalleled cures it is constantly making of woman's many peculiar affections, weaknesses and disturbing derangements is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, as is amply attested by thousands of testimonials contributed by grateful patients who have been cured by it of catarrhal pelvic affections, irregularities, prolapsus and other gynecological troubles. It restores vitality, cures nervous and bilious affections, often after many other advertised medicines, and physicians had failed.

Both the above mentioned medicines are wholly made up from the glyceric extracts of the most valuable medicinal roots. The processes employed in their manufacture were original with Dr. Pierce, and they are carried on by skilled chemists and pharmacists with the aid of apparatus and appliances specially designed and built for this purpose. Both medicines are entirely free from alcohol and all other harmful, habit-forming drugs. A full list of their ingredients is printed on each bottle-wrapper.



### That Smile of Delight

Is an everyday affair with those who buy our groceries. It "won't come off" either as long as you patronize us.

#### HOLIDAY TIME GROCERIES

Is what you want now, and you want them good. We have them in variety: Spices, raisins, fancy crackers, jellies, jams, nuts, etc. Give us a list of what you'll need and we will send them up to you.

E. BOYD & SON

Phones: Bell 63, Mutual 314.

#### BUSINESS LOCALS.

Dr. Hayter, Dentist. Office over Wilson's Drug Store. Dallas, Oregon.

#### Lost.

Lost on Levens or Oak streets, a gold brooch, with single opal setting. Finder will please return to OBSERVER office. 12-10-07

#### Goats on Shares.

About 50 goats to let out on shares, or would sell. If let on shares would prefer near Dallas. Apply at this office. 12-20-07

#### Shingles For Sale.

A carload of Star A Star shingles received this week by the SOBREN WAREHOUSE CO. 10-1-07

#### Farm For Sale.

Good 300-acre dairy and stock farm, two miles from railroad; good grass and farming land; plenty of running water; good house and barn and sheds. Call on or address JAMES A. GIBSON, Sheridan, Or., R. F. D. 1. 8-10-07

#### Photographs.

Now is the time, while your Fall suits are new, to get your photograph ready for Christmas. Your family groups and babies. If you want your friends to know you really appreciate them, remember them with a nice photograph of yourself or family. 11-15-07 T. J. CHERINGTON.

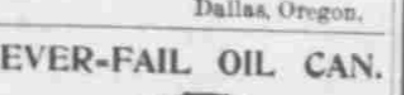
#### Wood For Sale.

Do you need wood? We want to remind you that the block wood from the Willamette Valley Lumber Company's sawmill is the best and cheapest wood you can buy. \$1.75 per load, delivered. Mutual phone 1407, or leave orders at Webster's confectionery store. 11-22-07. BOWMAN BROS.

#### Collections!

I have now been in the collecting business for about two months. My success has been uniformly good, and I have secured a large list of patrons during this time. Every effort will be made to insure promptness and thoroughness in my work, and the commission charged will be nominal. I respectfully solicit your patronage in the future, and promise the best service possible. L. D. BUTLER, Dallas, Oregon.

#### NEVER-FAIL OIL CAN.



The Never-Fail Oil and Gasoline Can—air tight—will not leak nor spill—will take all the oil out of can and will run oil from lamp back to can. Money back if not satisfied.

U. S. Loughary, The Grocer

#### For Sale.

Four fine thoroughbred Poland China hogs for sale. Two boars and two sows, one to bring pigs in March. 12-20-07 S. D. STEFFY, Dallas.

#### For Sale.

Two fresh Jersey cows. Phone 452. FRED J. WELLS, R. F. D. 1, Dallas, Oregon. 12-24-07

#### Business Notice.

I will be ready for business in the line of blacksmith work and implement dealing, on January 2, 1908. My place of business is one half block east of the skating rink. 12-13-07. FRED WAGNER.

#### For Sale.

One good dark bay gelding. Will weigh 1100 or better, and is sound. Will drive or work single or double. Good single harness and top buggy. All goes cheap. Barham & Winslow Real Estate Office. Mutual phone 3216, Dallas, Ore. 12-3-07



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The girl who takes *Scott's Emulsion* has plenty of rich, red blood; she is plump, active and energetic.

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Mr. Santa Claus, you must put in your bag a few more toys that you'll have need of. There are some nice little girls down the street who want some of those lovely

Dolls and Doll Carriages

we just opened up. In fact our entire lot of toy wares is what the children are looking for. You can't go amiss so take something extra along as you'll be sure to need it. Our prices are just right and will please you like the goods.

W. H. ROY & CO.

The China and Notion Store Dallas, Oregon

Electricity for Lighting

Is only expensive to people who are wasteful and careless. To you, who are naturally careful, it does not come high.

It is economical because it can be quickly turned off when not needed. With gas or kerosene there is the temptation to let light burn when not needed to save bother of lighting and adjusting. In some homes the electric light bills amount to only one or two dollars per month. You can probably get some kind of artificial light for less money than electric light, but does it save you anything when it limits opportunities for work and recreation—ruins your eyesight—smokes your walls—mars decorations and increases household work. You could probably save a dollar tomorrow by going without your meals but it wouldn't be economy. It is not so much what you save, but how you save that counts.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CO. RATES—Residence on meters, per Kilowatt 15c; Residence, flat per month, 15c per 50c. RATES FOR BUSINESS HOUSES—25c per drop and 5c per Kilowatt up to 10 drops; over 10 drops 20c per drop and 5c per Kilowatt up to 40 drops; over 40 drops 17c per drop and 5c per Kilowatt. A drop figures 16c or less. For power rates apply at the office. We are always ready to explain the "ins and outs" of the lighting proposition to you, call on us or phone to us, we are never to busy to talk business.

Willamette Valley Company

E. W. KEARNS, Manager for Dallas.

Office on Mill street, just north of the Court House. Phones Bell 421, Mutual 1257.

# His Christmas

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

SUIT OVERCOAT HAT UNDERWEAR NECKWEAR GLOVES HOSIERY SHIRTS

HOUSE COAT NIGHT ROBE SUSPENDERS MUFFLER UMBRELLA BATH ROBE COLLARS & CUFFS RAIN COAT

What are you going to get him for Christmas? Nearly everybody has a "him" or two to buy for. We cater only to "hims." Perhaps our suggestions will aid you to get him just what he needs and just what will please him. If you can't find something suitable for his Christmas here, where in the world would you expect to find it?

More suggestions—Dress Vests, pair Florsheim Shoes, Shirt Protectors, Pajamas, etc., etc.

Every article fairly and rightly priced. No fancy figures. We'll put aside anything you select and keep perfectly "mum" about it until Santa Claus time.

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Dallas, Oregon

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Furs and Fur Coats Just arrived by express direct from Eastern factory. They are the things.

Julia Marlowe and Flintstone Shoes, the dress shoes for ladies

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Agents for McCall Patterns.

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