

THREE HUNDRED PER CENT DIVIDEND FOR XMAS PRESENT

Guard Special Service.

New York, Dec. 15.—Oh, you cheap skates! Oh, you four-flushers! You common people, you hot poltro! What right have you to celebrate Christmas? What can you buy with your little old salaries, or your measly 4-per cent stocks and bonds? We Wells Fargo & Company stockholders are the people, and we are going to have a meeting, when we will cut a juicy Christmas melon, of which each stockholder will receive a 300-per cent slice. Now, that is going some, isn't it? Doesn't it make you feel like a piker?

Of course, old pal, you mean well. What you lack is gray matter in your cranial appendage. You observe, it works out like this. Last year you permitted us to haul your Christmas gifts to relatives and friends all over the country. You'll remember we soaked you good and plenty. Well, that helped some toward our own little 300-per cent Christmas package. Does it make you sore? But it should not, because this is the season of peace on earth and good will to men. What's more, we Wells Fargo stockholders have been careful to get our share of the good will and other assets.

We admit that when we went before the Illinois Railroad and Warehouse commission last month we put on a long face, and declared that if our rate increase wasn't permitted to stand, we would all have to go to the poor house over the hill. But that was just in the line of business. We can't permit the servants of you common people to be butting into our affairs.

Only a few persons will have the pleasure of partaking of the luscious melon the Wells Fargo Company proposes to cut by declaring a dividend of 300 per cent as the stock is closely held by wealthy families. A leading broker declared that he had been in business twenty years, and had never seen a certificate of Wells Fargo stock, and never expected to if he continued in business twenty-three years longer.

"This is a rich plum for rich people," he said.

Christmas in Gotham
The Saturday before Christmas is always the day of the big bash, and today was no exception to the rule. Christmas shoppers scrambled with unusual number and determination through swinging doors of the department stores. In the business and financial districts seasonable greetings and convivialities were exchanged increasingly. Elevated men and office boys circulated frank description lists throughout the big office buildings. Charitable institutions began laying in the supplies which are to bring happiness to the homes of the poor. Indoors and out the pulses of the big city seem to be everywhere throbbing, "Christmas!"

In Wall street banks, banking houses, and stock exchange houses will play Santa Claus for the edification of officers and employees, and the Christmas gifts will be substantial, after the fashion of olden days before the "October panic" of 1907. Percentages of yearly salaries to officers are the rule which many of the banks and private banking concerns, while in other fixed payments are always made.

Many institutions make their distributions on New Year's day, but the last ten days of the year really make up Wall street's "Christmas," which is once again like the yuletide of old, to the joy of pretty much everybody below Fulton street.

The homes of many of the East Side's poor will be materially brightened with happy households filled with substantial food and a few delicacies from known and unknown donors.

The Salvation Army will distribute 5000 dinners to the very poor in New York City and Brooklyn this Christmas, each basket dinner being sufficient for five people, making 25,000 fed. Three hundred and two thousand dinners, which will supply one and a half million people, will be given to the poor throughout the country. These are in addition to the Christmas celebrations given at different posts.

The Brooklyn navy yard has already begun to take on the appearance of yuletide desertion. The clerical force in the bureau and the workmen in the shops have been saving up their extra time, and must take it before the New Year commences. On the warships which are now at the yard, the crews are preparing to have the merriest Christmas possible.

Dinner to Peary
A dinner with more than 1500 "Dekes" in attendance, the largest college fraternity banquet ever given, will be tendered to Commander R. E. Peary tonight at the Hotel Astor by the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Peary, in addition to nailing "Old Glory" to the pole, planted a handsome D. K. E. flag which was given to him for that very purpose at the "Deke" dinner in New York in 1907. This event the fraternity is going to signalize. Commander Peary joined dignitary College, Maine.

The new ballroom of the Astor has been engaged, and this will be the first banquet held in it. The room will be decorated with many trophies brought back by the Peary expeditions.

Largest Skyscraper
New York's largest, although not the highest, skyscraper office building will cast its shadow over the Battery. Old buildings on the site are now being demolished, and active work will soon commence on the giant work. The height of its kind in the world, the building is head thirty-one stories above the ground. It will contain 11,000,000 cubic feet

with a rentable area of 550,000 square feet. In it will be ten miles of plumbing, twenty miles of steam pipe, sixty-five miles of conduit and wiring, and 3000 electric fixtures. From curb to roof it will measure 416 feet. In building it will be used 14,000 tons of structural steel, 7,500,000 common bricks, 900,000 face bricks, 45,000 barrels of cement, 535,000 square feet of floor arches, 266,000 cubic feet of cinder fill, 125,000 square feet of girder covering, 450,000 square feet of partition tile, 120,000 square feet of column covering, 210,000 square feet of wall covering, and "other articles too numerous to mention."

Christmas Grafters
The usual invasion of Christmas grafters are in town, and many of them are raising a rich harvest. Some of their "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" are thus described by James Forbes, director of the National Association for the Blind:

"A man representing himself as with the American Express Company asks personal aims and excites sympathy by simulating heart failure. He can control one valve of the heart and can faint at the proper moment in the most approved fashion, saying afterward that the cause was lack of food. He has a sick wife at home, of course, but of any one offers to go home with him he makes excuses. The man is an old hand at this game and has practiced it in different guises for many years."

"One of the most successful beggars in the city now is an alleged former policeman, who goes about asking alms. He tells a moving story of how he was broken by Devery or Bingham. He selects his victim carefully, and it is because of this he is still at large."

"Blindney, a man with one eye, is going the rounds introducing a novel method of emphasizing his affliction. He waits in front of some well-to-do woman's house until she comes out to take her carriage, then steps up to her and tells her how he lost his eye in a building her husband owns. By the way of further explanation he will take out his glass eye and show her all about it. This generally clinches the thing, and the woman gives him something to get rid of the spectacle."

"From every quarter of the country men of this stamp are coming in to New York for the Christmas season. In nine cases out of ten persons applying for alms are impostors; the really deserving seldom beg. All beggars should be sent to societies who make a business of investigation and will look out for worthy applicants."

COTTAGE GROVE GIRL IS FOUND DEAD IN BED

Miss Laura Landess, Daughter of William Landess, Dies Suddenly

Cottage Grove, Or., Dec. 16.—Miss Laura Landess, aged 27 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Landess, of this place, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. She had been in very poor health for some time, but had felt better the previous few days. She seemed to be resting unusually well yesterday morning, and the other members of the family decided not to disturb her until quite late, when on going to see if she wanted anything to eat, found her dead. Miss Landess was born near Mayville, Or., and moved to Cottage Grove with her parents 22 years ago, where she graduated from the high school with the class of 1905. After teaching a few months, her health failed. She was a prominent Rebekah, having served as noble grand and representative to the Portland lodge three years ago. Her parents, elder sisters and brothers survive her.

PINCHOT TURNS DOWN THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Washington, Dec. 17.—Referring to a report that he was to become president of the University of Michigan, Gifford Pinchot says he is not going to give up a steady job to undergo the vicissitudes of a college presidency.

He explained yesterday that he knew his name had been under consideration in Michigan, but that if an offer were communicated to him he would decline it.

"I don't wish to leave the forest service and I don't expect to do so," said the chief forester. "I don't know how I would like to be a college president. Here in this position I have work that I like, and the precariousness of a university position does not appeal to me at all."

LODGE 20 YEARS OLD LOSES FIRST MEMBER BY DEATH

Hood River, Or., Dec. 16.—For the first time in 20 years the Hood River Knights of Pythias lodge lost one of its members by death when the news was received here yesterday of the death of C. E. Hemman last week in Yuma, Ariz. This is a record held by no other lodge in this city, and probably by very few in the whole country. Mr. Hemman went to Arizona recently for his health. The body was taken to the former home in Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Hemman was survived by a widow, who was formerly Miss Bertha Prather, and a daughter.

LITTLE GIRL BECOMES LOST AND PERISHES

The lifeless body of little Gladys Allen, the six or seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Allen, living near Franklin, some twenty miles northwest of Eugene, was found alongside a creek not a great distance from the Allen home yesterday, after the parents and neighbors had searched for the little girl nearly all the night previous.

Gladys wandered away from the house Thursday afternoon. She did not return later in the afternoon, when she was expected to, and immediate search was made for her, but without avail. Her mother, who was in Eugene at the time visiting her sons, one of whom attends the Bible University, was called home that afternoon on account of the little girl's disappearance. She was accompanied home by her sons, and the search was continued until yesterday. Her little body was found near the creek, and the clothing was wet, indicating that she had fallen into the stream, but succeeded in getting out. Death was evidently due to exposure and cold, the temperature Thursday night being several degrees below the freezing point.

OREGON SHORT LINE PLANS NEW ROAD

Will Build from Caldwell, Ida., to Winnemucca, Nevada

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 17.—The Oregon Short Line will, in the early spring, start to build a railroad from Caldwell, Idaho, by the way of Winnemucca, Nev., connecting with the Southern Pacific at that point, according to reliable information. A few months ago the road from Caldwell to Homedale, which was owned by the San Francisco, Idaho & Montana people, was purchased outright by the Short Line people. The final survey has been made from Caldwell to Winnemucca and as soon as the good weather sets in in the spring, the work of grading and building this road will be pushed with all possible vigor.

This is looked upon by railroad men who have followed the moves of the Harriman and Hill interests as a final move on the part of the Short Line officials in getting into this country before the Northern Pacific gets busy. In view of the fact that in the southern part of the state, where the survey has been made, there is but one practical pass, and that but one road could possibly go through it, this action precludes any possibility of the Hill roads getting into this section of the country.

NEWS OF CRESWELL AND VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hillegas, who left here in September for a visit in Missouri and other middle states, are now visiting with a son in Boise, Idaho, and are expected home shortly after the first of the year.

George A. Johnston of Washington this week purchased of J. C. Jones his ranch of 125 acres, situated three miles southwest of town. The consideration was \$50 per acre. Mr. Johnston left Monday for Washington to make preparations to move to his newly purchased home.

Workmen are again at work on the Bear Creek-Eugene telephone line which is being put up by the people of Bear Creek. The line will give a direct wire to Eugene by the way of Pirle's ranch. If the weather remains favorable the work will be completed in two or three days.

Tuesday evening a kitchen shower was given by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sly, notice of whose marriage appeared in our last issue. Over 40 friends assembled at F. W. Ogram's store at 7:30 and went in a body to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sly, a short distance south of town, and surprised the young people. Every article needed by a housewife Mrs. Sly with the well wishes of the donors.—Chronicle.

RAW HOOD RIVER LAND BRINGS \$250 AN ACRE

Hood River, Or., Dec. 17.—A record sale for unimproved land in the Hood River valley is reported by Devlin & Firebaugh, who have just disposed of 20 acres, belonging to Dr. M. F. Shaw, to Miss Ollie G. Boetzko for \$5000. The land lies seven miles out in the valley from this city. Miss Boetzko is an instructor of German in the University of Washington at Seattle.

Two big sales have also been closed here this week for orchard land at over \$1000 an acre to Copeland & McCready, who came here recently from Toledo, Iowa. They bought 20 acres from E. T. Neal for \$21,000, and 12 acres from A. C. Slain for \$13,000. Both of these latter places are set to trees and are partly in bearing.

MORMONS PRAY FOR RECOVERY OF JOE SMITH

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 17.—The local congregation of the reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints has been requested to devote all next Sunday to prayer and fasting for the recovery of Joseph Smith, who has been the head of the reorganized, or anti-polygamy branch for 50 years, he being the only surviving son of the Mormon Prophet. He is reported to be dangerously ill at his home, Independence, Mo., and all the churches of that denomination are requested to observe the day of fasting.

RAILROAD TO COAST MATTER UP AGAIN

The regular meeting of the Cottage Grove Commercial club was quite largely attended Monday night, says the Sentinel. It having been announced that the promotion department would present a semi-annual report probably called out an increased membership attendance, but inasmuch as comparatively few of the contributors of the "booster fund" outside of the club were present, the report was deferred for one week in the hope that there might be a larger attendance at that time. President Hazelton being ill, First Vice-President Marion Veatch presided.

A communication from George C. Yale, of Portland, relative to the projected railway to the coast, was presented. Mr. Yale informed the club that he had taken the matter up with the people in the East, and in reply to his letter had received the following reply:

"Mr. George C. Yale, locating engineer, 601 Sweetland bldg., Portland, Oregon. Dear Sir—Your letter of the 15th received and contents noted. Before we take up the Cottage Grove enterprise, let us know an approximate figure that the Cottage Grove Commercial club can raise for us to begin surveying. In conclusion will say that if this survey proves satisfactory, so that we can see a return upon our investment, according to your report, the line will be completed."

Mr. Yale, in his communication, asked to what extent Cottage Grove would contribute toward a survey, adding: "I have no doubt but that if you can guarantee the interest upon said investment that the above mentioned project will be built."

The matter of constructing a dike to prevent overflows was discussed and the committee heretofore appointed were instructed to present the question to the city council for its consideration.

Standing Committees.
President: Hazelton has named the following committees for the ensuing year.
Mines and Mining—A. B. Wood, C. B. Bruneau, Frank Williams.
Manufacturers—John F. Spray, M. Veatch, T. C. Wheeler, F. Hinds.
Agriculture—F. B. Phillips, B. Lynch, M. Veatch, F. D. Wheeler, J. O. Van Winkle, F. H. Rosenberg, V. C. London.
Rooms—F. D. Wheeler, A. Brund, J. W. Wilson.
Bowling alley—J. B. Protzman, F. Beallie, John Woodard.
Co-operation—C. H. Burkholder, Geo. Hall, H. O. Thompson, B. H. Tyson, O. Veatch.
Literature—J. O. Van Winkle, L. A. Gates, M. Trask.
Legislation—H. O. Thompson, A. B. Woods, J. S. Medley.
Lumber—J. H. Chambers, M. H. Anderson, L. S. Hill, A. L. Woodard.

OPERATE OREGON TRUNK NEXT FALL.

SAYS JIM HILL

Portland, Or., Dec. 18.—"We expect to begin laying rails on the Oregon Trunk line not later than June 1, next, and by the following autumn we will have our railroad constructed into central Oregon," said J. J. Hill, veteran railroad builder, yesterday. "The work preliminary to laying the track is being prosecuted just as rapidly as the employment of men and the expenditure of money makes possible."

"No," was the terse but positive reply of Mr. Hill, when asked if he would extend the Oregon Trunk Line to San Francisco. However, there prevails a very strong suspicion locally that there is no necessity for Mr. Hill to construct a road into the California metropolis. There is every reason to suspect that the empire builder has acquired an interest in the Western Pacific and that the real terminus of the Oregon Trunk is Lakeview, to which point the western Pacific is now extending its line. This would afford Hill an entrance to California, the goal he long has coveted.

OBITUARY.

Mary M. Wells Murphey was born in Ohio, January 20, 1855. She was married to O. M. Murphey March 7, 1880. Both Mr. and Mrs. Murphey attended Drake university at Des Moines, Iowa. Three children were born to this union; on son, Charles, who with his family, lives at Corvallis and two daughters. One daughter died about eight years ago in Iowa, and Mrs. Murphey has not been real well since her death. The other daughter, Miss Nellie, is still at home. Three years ago they moved to California on account of Mrs. Murphey's health, and traveled through several states finally settling in Eugene about 18 months ago. All that wisdom could suggest or love prompt was done that she might regain her health, but death claimed her on Monday, December 13, at about 5 o'clock. She was a devoted member of the Christian church for over 25 years. Besides her immediate family Mrs. Murphey has two brothers, Charles and Clarence Wells, who live in Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Cooper of New Mexico, who was here to attend the funeral. The funeral was held from the residence on Friday morning and a large crowd of sympathizing friends followed the remains to their last resting place. The service by her pastor, Rev. J. S. McCallum, was brief but beautiful and impressive.

It transpires that two of the new members of the Lebanon city council are the president and a director of the electric light and water company, and that the charter specially prohibits any of the kind.

S. P. SAWMILLS ON MOHAWK MAY SOON RESUME

There is a general report that cannot be confirmed that the three Southern Pacific sawmills at Marcola, will resume operations shortly after January 1, 1910. The company has maintained these big and costly plants in idleness for about two years but it is thought by the people of Marcola and others who have observed the actions of certain railroad officials lately that they will not remain idle much longer.

The company already has a force of twenty-five or thirty men employed at the mills and in the woods adjacent at various jobs and has during the last few days employed Dr. T. K. Johnson of this city, to act as company physician at Marcola, his duties to begin next week. This indicates that a much larger force of men will soon be employed there, as the few who are already working would easily be taken care of in a medical way by the local physicians.

Disease Germs Cannot harm healthy human bodies. We cannot have healthy bodies unless we have pure blood.

This great medicine has an unequalled, unapproached record for purifying and enriching the blood. It cures scrofula, eczema, eruptions, catarrh, rheumatism, anemia, nervousness, that tired feeling, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, general debility, and builds up the whole system.

Get it today in the usual liquid form or in associated tablet form called Sarsaparilla.

Then again, there are reports of the construction of donkey engine sheds in the woods near the mills, which looks as if there is going to be considerable activity in the logging camps soon.

When these three big mills and the logging camps are in full operation a thousand or more men are employed, which means a big payroll and greater prosperity.

May Put in Other Mills.
There is another report to the effect that the company will build two or three mills along the route of the Northern extension, now building, so that the large amount of lumber used in construction of the line may be manufactured in the ground. It may be possible that one or two of the mills at Marcola may be moved there.

RICKARD SAYS BIG FIGHT WILL BE ON SQUARE

New York, Dec. 16.—Tex Rickard, the prize fight promoter, handling the Jeffries-Johnson fight denies any agreement between Johnson and Jeffries over the division of the \$101,000 purse. It was suggested that owing to the probability of betting on the contest being at even money, that the purse be split evenly, but the fighters could not come to an agreement. The present agreement is for 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser.

Rickard also says he will bet \$1,000 that he did not give Jeffries the \$10,000 bonus or has any other secret arrangement with the big fellow.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company today began suit in the circuit court against J. B. Hill and R. Rao and wife to recover money on a bill of lumber. Woodcock A. Potter are attorneys for the plaintiff.



For your Christmas Shopping we offer you a new, clean stock of Holiday goods at the very lowest prices

- Men's and women's mufflers 25c up
- All colors in felt slippers \$1.25 up
- Men's leather house slippers
- Sets men's suspenders, arm bands hose supporters
- Men's ties in fancy boxes
- Men's silk Handkerchiefs
- Men's bath robes
- Furs of all kinds 95c to \$25.00
- Women's bath robes
- Fancy wool and silk shawls
- Fancy hose
- Silk hose
- Christmas neckwear
- Fancy sweaters
- Child's felt slippers, fur trimmed
- Handkerchiefs 1c to \$1.00
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