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### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES.

We have gone mad in America in the matter of Christmas gifts to friends but we have largely forgotten that the giving spirit must be a purpose to give where there can be no expectation of favors to be returned. The pain of the season lies in the fact that those who need least are given most. The thousands who really need are too often overlooked.

The community trees, in some measure, cures the ill. Its purpose is to reach all, with the spirit of the mass. Four years ago the "Tree of Light" was first erected in Madison Square, in New York City. Boston and Hartford followed in the same year. The next year other cities followed until this year the custom is well nigh universal. The age of electricity lends itself to the scheme. Before its advent the idea would have been a failure. The originator of the inspiration, Mrs. Francis Herreshoff, declares that her conception was the erection of a tree in some public place as a symbol of the spiritual side of Christmas. To be in the open for all the people, free alike to rich and poor, high and low, black, yellow, red, brown and white, carrying with its abundant light the promises of the life from whence the Christmas season comes.

Some of the trees have been very beautiful. The original tree in the nation's metropolis has a giant electric star, symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem, surmounting its topmost branch, while entwined through the branches were eight thousand electric lights. When the snow fell upon it the great fir tree was a scene of diamond splendor. In Omaha 10,000 people assembled to witness the lighting of their tree. Philadelphia erected her's in front of the historic Independence Hall. Chicago united several trees and enriched them with kaleidoscopic bulbs.

Bend's Christmas tree idea, and its execution, is a credit to her citizens and their spirit. Let us all cooperate to make this year's tree the best and biggest and happiest.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

What's in a name anyway? Rufus is not a very nifty name, and yet Rufus Choate counts large and judicial literature. Abraham is not a name to conjure with because of its beauty, but Abraham Lincoln is the big figure in American history, and he patiently bore that ponderous cognomen. Andrew Jackson was a character of some moment and he did not find it necessary to change. Jeremiah would not be especially attractive to the dilettante, artistic temperament, yet Jeremiah Mason was one of the mental giants of his day. Grover Cleveland's full name was Stephen Grover and he skidded the first as unhandy. Woodrow Wilson's full name is Thomas Woodrow and his school mates called him "Tommy." He therefore shed the first name and became President. What's in a name?—Pendleton Tribune.

### WHO AM I?

I am more talked of than anything else in America!  
I am the autocrat of commercial interests!  
I control the treasuries of the world!  
I command the bank clearance!  
I am as powerful as Ajax!  
I can stop commerce!  
I am supreme!  
Rulers and the common people alike take off their hats to me!  
My aristocratic cousins, the luxurious Pullman car, and the steel coach who in the past snubbed now crave my favors!  
I am merciful!  
I can help you, but  
I lack energy.  
You must supply that!  
Left to my own efforts  
I am inert and innocuous!  
Energize me and you increase your bank account!  
Stimulate me and the wheels of

commerce revolve!

### WHO AM I?

I am the freight car!  
I market your crops!  
Load me promptly!  
Unload me quickly!  
Move me swiftly!  
You will prosper!

### IS KEPT IN GERMANY

Only Surviving Civil War Major General Wants to Come Home.

By Carl W. Ackerman,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

DUISBURG, Germany, Nov. 10.—(By Mail.)—In a little apartment on Hindenstrasse today sits an old American general, who is waiting for the war to end so he can return to the United States.

This aged hero of Lincoln's day is Major General Osterhaus, only surviving Major General of the Civil War, father of Admiral Osterhaus, of the United States navy, and grandfather of Lieutenant Osterhaus, U. S. N. Major General Osterhaus will soon be 95.

The general, whose hair and beard are creamy white, sat in his library reading war news when American newspaper men called today to pay their respects. He is vigorous, alert and appears still to be in his seventies. His joy at seeing Americans was great and he beamed with happiness. Repeatedly he asked that his greetings be sent to America and to say that he was "going back as soon as the war ended."

Major General Osterhaus discussed many phases of the war with the greatest zeal. He is a great admirer of Field Marshal von Hindenburg and he believes the war would have been ended long ago if Hindenburg had been made chief of the general staff at the beginning.

"Hindenburg is the greatest general the world has produced," he said. "He would have defeated Napoleon the first day."

Major General Osterhaus' library is like an old Civil War museum. One of his desks, I believe, was given to him by President Johnson. On his desk were autograph photos of Lincoln, Johnson and other American statesmen of the Civil War period. He has the keenest recollection of frequent meetings with Lincoln, and members of his cabinet. Johnson appointed him American consul at Havre, France, after the Civil War. Before that he was the first governor general of Louisiana after the state was admitted to the Union.

### MARK TWAIN'S LAST DAYS.

"Sorry, but I Can't Hurry This Dying Business," He Told a Friend.

Mark Twain's last days, it will be remembered, were spent in Bermuda, at the home of Vice Consul Allen, where he had gone following the shock of his daughter Jean's death. The great humorist, suffering from heart attacks which began to recur with increasing frequency, knew that he was a dying man. Yet his whimsical humor never failed him. His biographer, Albert Bigelow Paine, writing in St. Nicholas, recalls how Mr. Clemens at this time referred to the hypodermic injection, which had become necessary to him, as "hypnotic injections."

"As long as I remember anything," writes Mr. Paine in describing the trip from Bermuda, "I shall remember the forty-eight hours of that homeward voyage. He was comfortable at first, and then we ran into the humid, oppressive air of the gulf stream, and he could not breathe. It seemed to me that the end might come at any moment, and this thought was in his own mind, but he had no dread, and his sense of humor did not fail. Once, when the ship rolled and his hat fell from the hook and made the circuit of the cabin floor, he said, 'The ship is passing the hat.'

"I had been instructed in the use of the hypodermic needle and from time to time gave him the 'hypnotic injection,' as he called it. But it did not afford him entire relief. He could remain in any position but a little while. Yet he never complained and thought only of the trouble he might be making. Once he said:

"I am sorry for you, Paine, but I can't help it—I can't hurry this dying business."

"And a little later:  
"Oh, it's such a mystery, and it takes so long!"

### AND SUPPLY OF NOVEMBER 10THS STILL LASTS

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
NEW ENGLAND, N. D., Dec. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mortenson's three children were born Nov. 10, 1914, Nov. 10, 1915, and Nov. 10, 1916. They were married Nov. 10, 1913.

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### THE RODENT BOUNTY LAW.

In view of the interest being taken in the provisions of the Crook county rodent bounty law, now in force, there is reprinted below the provisions of the act as filed with the secretary of state and adopted by vote of the people on November 7.

The Rodent Bounty Law.  
"Be It Enacted by the People of the County of Crook, State of Oregon:

"Section 1.—That the County Court of Crook County, Oregon, be, and it is hereby empowered, authorized and directed, to order paid from the general fund created for that purpose, the sum of five cents for each jack rabbit, and the sum of two and one-half cents for each sage rat that may be killed within the boundaries of said county from and after the first day of December, 1916.

"Section 2.—It shall be the duty of said County Court at the regular meeting thereof for the purpose of levying taxes, to compute the estimated expenditure for the purpose of this act for the ensuing year and to make a sufficient levy, either as a general tax or as a special 'Rodent Bounty Tax,' to cover such estimate, and should the amount levied in any one year be insufficient the unpaid amount shall be provided for in the levy for the ensuing year.

"Section 3.—Any person killing any jack rabbit or sage rats, in order to obtain the bounty provided for in this act shall within four months from the date of said killing, present, or cause to be presented by his duly authorized agent, such authorization to be in writing, to the clerk of said county, the scalp and ears of said animals, and shall make and file with said county clerk, an affidavit setting forth the number of jack rabbits or sage rats from which said scalps were taken; that said jack rabbits or sage rats were killed within the boundaries of Crook county, Oregon, within four months preceding; that said jack rabbits or sage rats were not bred or reared in captivity. Every person presenting said scalps for the payment of said bounty shall be identified by some resident taxpayer of Crook county, in writing, and said taxpayer shall, in the presence of the county clerk, witness the counting of said scalps and shall endorse upon claimant's affidavit his sworn statement showing the number of scalps presented by such person. No person shall be entitled to collect bounty on any less number than fifty such scalps at any one time.

"Section 4.—Upon the presentation of said scalps in the manner prescribed by Section 3, the county clerk shall receive and destroy the same under the supervision of the county court and shall issue his warrant on the county treasurer for the amount of the bounty to which the party presenting the scalps is entitled, which warrant shall be paid in the same manner as other county warrants are paid. The county clerk shall at each session of the county court present a statement of the number and amount of such warrants issued, together with the affidavits and receipts of claimants. The clerk shall keep a record of the scalps presented, the number thereof, by whom presented, and the amount paid in bounty."

### FORETELLS FIRE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
BAKER, Or., Dec. 9.—Fire, caused by a defective flue, caused the destruction of the Faull building here today. A. E. Dunham, a local clairvoyant, predicted the fire when telling fortunes recently.

### SANTA CLAUS VISITS

Santa Claus was given a royal welcome this afternoon at Warner's store when more than 500 children greeted him upon his appearance at 2 o'clock. C. A. Warner gave all the children favors upon their visit to his store.

### HOLIDAY VACATION SATURDAY

With the convening of the Crook County Teachers' Institute at Prineville, December 18, and continuing until December 20, the Christmas holidays for the Bend public schools will begin Friday evening, December 15, and will continue until January 3.

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EVENINGS  
Until  
9 O'CLOCK  
Warner's

### HOPE TO CLEAR \$500,000

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Five hundred thousand dollars for relief of starving, naked and dying non-belligerents in warring Europe is the goal of the second annual National Allied Bazaar, which opened in Mechanics building here today.

The bazaar last year was given in Grand Central Palace, New York. Several hundred thousand dollars' worth of prizes have been donated by business houses all over the country and the patron's list of the bazaar contains such names as Lady Aberdeen, Whithrop Ames, Robert Bacon, August Belmont, Lady Colebrook and others. The bazaar will continue until December 20.

### HASSELBERG SUES FOR LAND

J. A. Hasselberg, of Kelso, Washington, is seeking to recover 80 acres of farm land on the Tumalo Irrigation project, which he traded to W. H. A. Smith, of Hartline, Washington, in May, 1915, for 160 acres of land near Hartline. The complaint alleges that in the transaction representations were made as to the character of the Hartline property. Mr. Hasselberg is represented by H. H. DeArmond and W. H. A. Smith by V. A. Forbes. The case is being tried today before Judge Duffy, in Bend.

### CATTLE STEALING CHARGED

A warrant was issued yesterday from the office of Deputy District Attorney Chas. W. Erskine for the arrest of George Nison, charged with the theft of eight head of cattle belonging to J. L. Couch, who resides on the Tumalo Irrigation project. Mr. Couch missed the stock on November 25, and recovered them last Sunday, through seeing an advertisement in The Bulletin.

Local officers believe they have trace of Nison, and Sheriff E. B. Knox has gone into Lake county in search of him.

### BLIND MAN TEACHES.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 9.—Blind, Leslie Blades today is acting as assistant professor of English at the University of Oregon, instructing three classes daily. He uses a system of raised letters reading for his notes. Blades is believed to be the first and only blind professor actively engaged in teaching in an American university. His home is in San Dines, California.

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