

How Christmas Began.

It is generally understood that the true date of Christ's birth cannot be ascertained from the New Testament, nor from any other source. But all controversy as to the date was happily determined in the fourth century by the decision of Pope Julius, who had an investigation made by St. Cyril, and became fully satisfied that, as nearly as could be ascertained, December 25 was the correct date.

The observance of the festival of the Nativity was from the beginning called Christmas. Christmas, because a special mass was celebrated on that day. The pure glow of the spiritual festival dissipated the dark clouds of licentious and wicked ceremonialism that marked the notorious Roman Saturnalia; but the Christian observance, while exterminating the evils of the heathen festival which is displaced, permitted many of the pleasing and innocent features to remain.

It was not until the sixteenth century that the whole of Christendom united in keeping Christmas on the same day. The reasons for this delay in instituting the feast are summed up by an authority who explains that, in the first place, no corresponding festival was presented by the Old Testament, as in the case of Easter and Pentecost; second, the day and month of the birth of Christ are nowhere stated in Gospel history, and cannot certainly be determined; third, that the church lingered at first about the death and resurrection of Christ, the completed fact of redemption, and made this the center of the weekly worship and the church year; and, fourth, that the earlier feasts of Epiphany afforded a substitute for the festival of the Nativity.—Leslie's Weekly.

BIRD VS INSECT

There are few national subjects so imperfectly understood as that of bird protection and comparatively few readers who realize that the protection of birds is a subject of such wide importance. Most people look upon the movement as having no deeper significance than a worthy agitation of enthusiasts and that they are commended to the entomologist of the agricultural department showing the annual loss of millions of dollars to the country's agriculture through only the destructive work of insects. There is not a farmer or land owner in America whose pocket is not directly affected by bird-tinction for the very good reason that in no country under the sun do insects impose a heavier tax upon farm products than in the United States and birds are the most dependable as well as most active destroyers of insects. The farmer in protecting the birds is protecting his pocket book.—Ex.

KILLED STRANGE ANIMAL

Henry Mann of Salem, Oregon, last week shot and killed an animal that has long been puzzling hunters north of the upper Klamath lake, says an exchange. For the past seven years tracks have been found in the country around the big springs on the Klamath Indian reservation that were supposed to be those of a big buck. The tracks were of a peculiar character and easily distinguishable from other tracks. However, when shot, the animal proved to be a sort of boar. It weighed over 500 pounds and had tusks 10 inches long. The hair was long and coarse and the skin around the head was thick and wrinkled. The tail was long and bushy, resembling a cow's tail. The skin, when taken from the animal, weighed 110 pounds. From the peculiar characteristics of the animal it is supposed that it must have escaped from some zoo or menagerie years ago, and has been roaming in that region since.

Adam George has for sale heap over \$160,000 worth of estate, improved and unimproved. The cream of Harney

county. Some tracts are actual swamps. Terms on most of it to suit purchaser. Adam had 41 soil tests made in as many different localities of the county. Every section is known to him. He can suit you if you only make your wants known. He can direct you to some of the best vacant land to be had. Address him at Burns or Lawen Oregon.

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For Homestead Locations see M. FitzGerald the pioneer Land Locater of Harney County.

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DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Simon Lewis and J. T. Garrett, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Lewis assumes the livery business, Mr. Garrett retiring. All bills owing to the firm are to be collected by Mr. Garrett who will likewise pay any indebtedness against the firm. Parties knowing themselves indebted are urged to call and settle at once.

SIMON LEWIS.

J. T. GARRETT. Burns, Ore. Nov. 7, 1907.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. Burns, Oregon, December 5, 1907. To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon has filed in this office its application (List No. 223) under the provisions of the act of Congress of August 14, 1888, and acts amendatory thereto, for the following described unappropriated, non-mineral public lands, as in and to the following designated losses contained in its grant for public schools, to wit: NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 29, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, W. M.

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LIQUOR LICENSE PETITION.

We the undersigned legal voters of said Harney County, Oregon, do hereby petition the Hon. County Court of Harney County, State of Oregon, to grant a License to Lloyd Johnson to sell Spirituous, Malt and Vinous Liquors in less quantities than one gallon in bottles or other containers, in said Harney County, State of Oregon, for the term of six months, as in and to the following petition.

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