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The Courier wishes its readers a Merry Christmas with all the happiness that the day can bring.

Several insurance companies in the eastern cities have included the Christmas tree as among the extra hazards which affect fire insurance. This discriminating against Santa Claus by cold blooded corporations will probably have no effect on the old man nor will it frighten him away from the homes he is wont to visit.

Henry E. Ankeny of Jackson county is mentioned as one of the candidates for the republican nomination for governor of Oregon. to be elected in June. Mr. Ankeny has been a resident of Oregon for over 50 years, having come to the state when a child. He is one of the very well known mining men of Oregon and is the principal owner of the famous Sterling mine near Jacksonville.

Chili and Argentina are preparing for war. It does not clearly appear what the quarrel is about, but that is a matter of secondary importance. Neither nation has had a war for some time and the Spanish American nature pines for excitement. In Argentina public rifle ranges are maintained and each citizen is allowed 35 shots from a Mauser rifle. It is suggested that the matter be referred to King Edward as arbiter but this course would ill suit the South American temper.

The sensation of the hour is the Schley controversy and the findings of the court are received with indignation all over the United States for Schley is a popular hero and no amount of official condemnation can make him anything else in the eyes of the American people. Sampson who might have been an honored figure, is made the target for the public wrath and his fame is great in quantity but the quality is not of the most desirable order. Dewey's opinion favoring Schley is received with satisfaction.

The giving of gifts at Christmas time is a custom which should never grow old and which is productive of the regard and cordiality between friends that makes life worth living, but like all things it has its abuses. Too much of a "value received" spirit has crept in and too many presents are given with the purpose of paying back some gift received. This is not right and the intrinsic value of the gift should be considered of secondary importance. No gift should be given which does not carry with it the regard or the affection of the giver.

Germany is said to be preparing an ultimatum to Venezuela and is arranging for warlike action in order to settle certain claims against that country. There seems to be a disposition among the European nations and Germany in particular to bring the Monroe doctrine to a test and it may be that the present instance will offer an opportunity. The United States believes in the Monroe doctrine, but whether or not it would be upheld in international courts is an unsolved problem. Many statesmen consider the Monroe doctrine as simple bluff. However, it is one that has always worked hitherto.

It is a noticeable fact, now that anti-football statisticians are tabulating the casualties on the gridiron this fall that none of the serious injuries are credited to the games in which the strongest elevens took part, and that not more than 1 per cent of the minor injuries that were important enough to be tabulated were sustained in these games. "This proves," said a football expert, "that with properly trained men there is comparatively little danger in football. You will notice that those most seriously injured were members of high school or amateur teams, which presumably are not properly trained. Certainly they do not play anywhere near as fast or hard a game as do the big college teams, and yet the members of the latter sustain very few injuries. A well-trained football player not only knows how to fall, but he is in condition to withstand a shock that would lay out an untrained man, and this is the whole secret of it. If more discrimination were shown in selecting men for the game on the part of these fourth-rate teams, there would be fewer injuries." —Oregonian.

Dewey is a man of the same stripe as Schley. He gets things done, deeming the result more of importance than the manner of its accomplishment. This seems unpardonable heresy in the minds of Sampson and Long. The glory of Schley's achievements cannot be dimmed by bureaucratic detraction. Miles, who ventured to commend Dewey's opinion, was sharply rebuked by Secretary of War Root, who said in effect that Miles, occupying the position he does, ought to know enough to keep his mouth shut. Miles, however, has lost nothing in popularity by voicing his opinion. Miles is a fighter too, of other than the bookish sort, and is honored as such by popular opinion. It is gratifying to note that Macley, the "historian" the mouth piece for the splenetic sentiments of his superiors, has been dismissed from the navy department by the order of President Roosevelt himself. As Macley is a little figure, the little punishment of losing his $2 49 a day job fits the case exactly. It is pleasing also to see that the official attitude is strongly against any further continuance of the quarrel and that the partisans of both sides are receiving strong hints to keep silence.

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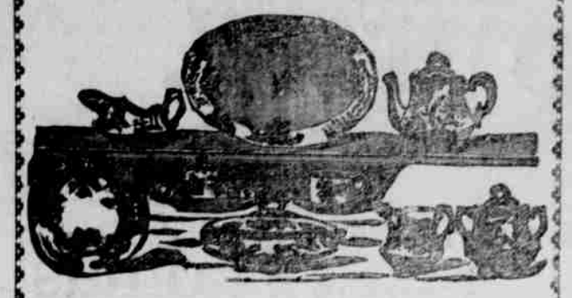

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Summerville in Lake County.

The quarantine station at Drews valley gap is still maintained. J. B. Blair, master of ceremonies at the station, fumigates all comers from the west without regard to rank, station or religion. Each morning as the western stage passes this station, Mr. Blair fumigates the driver and all the passengers that may be aboard. A short time ago Presiding Elder Summerville, of the Methodist faith, chanced to be passing through on the stage. Now no one would think for a minute that there could ever be any occasion for bringing a Methodist minister in contact with fire, sulphur and brimstone; but that is exactly what happened to this minister; he was placed in his stall with the common herd and given a good smoking. But being a broad minded man he took his medicine philosophically, and no doubt regarded it as a divine blessing sent up on him to warm him up after an all nigh ride in an open stage.

Rev. Summerville is the same gentleman who was snow bound last win in the head of this valley while trying to get to Paisley to fill an appointment, at which time he had a narrow escape from freezing to death; but after wading snow waist deep a part of a day and night, he finally found a deserted cabin, where, without board or bed he remained until rescued later on.

Last fall when in Paisley and while he and the family with whom he was stopping were eating supper, the house took fire and he only saved his life by fleeing through the flames. Truly our presiding elder's experiences through this part of his circuit have been varied and fraught with danger.—Lakeview Rustler.

A Buffalo Ranch.

A ranchman in Texas is making buffalo a special feature of his stock. He has a herd of about fifty, with a wide range over the prairie, and says they are not hard to raise, needing only freedom and plenty of room. He has a few elk with them, and says the elk and buffalo get along peacably together for the most part. Now and then he sells a specimen to one or another of the zoological gardens, but he seems to have gone into the business for scientific interest in the preservation of an animal now nearly extinct.

This man offers a refreshing contrast to the butcher in the Middle West who killed half a dozen of these rare animals for a barbecue some time ago. Buffalo steak is not particularly delicious, and there was no reason for the massacre except that the owner wanted to provide a rare viand. The same motive actuated the bons vivants of the Middle Ages when they had peacock breast and humming-birds' tongues served up for their state banquets and it actuated the savage chief of the Sandwich Islands when he had a cloak made for himself out of the golden feathers of a certain species of bird, there being but two yellow feathers on the bird, so that an immense number had to be killed to make the cloak.

The Texas rancher is, on the contrary, is doing his best to provide the elk and buffalo with a home where they may live in peace and multiply, and they become less rare. Whether or not this proves profitable enough to induce others to follow his example, never, as yet be known, but it is to be hoped that it will. It is fascinating work to raise rare birds and animals, and when they are indigenous to the soil, the work is not so very difficult.

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Ferocious Swine.

C. Gamboni met with an accident last Saturday which came near proving a fatal affair. A wild boar had been around his place for several days, and when he attemped to drive it away the trouble began. The boar made a rush at him, throwing him on the ground, and was only prevented from killing him by the timely arrival of one of Mr Gamboni's boys. Mr. Gamboni made a good fight for his life, but it was an uphill job from the start. The animal tore his heavy boot off and inflicted an ugly wound in the right foot, and another in the left hip. After his rescue Mr. Gamboni got a rifle and put that hog out of business without further delay.—Del Norte Record.

Salvation Army Officers.

A party of Salvation Army officers consisting of Consul Emma Booth Tucker, Staff-Captain Carr, Mrs. Staff-Captain Wright, Captain Narraway, Staff-Captain Lewis, Staff-Captain Anderson, Captain Brenner, Captain Hodges, Brother Troutman, Brother Jones, Chief Secretary Willford Higgins, Staff-Captain Mackenzie, Mrs. Staff Captain Lewis, Lieut. Graham, Cadet Sinnock, Staff Captain Wright, Staff Captain Trumble, Captain Hinckle, Adjutant Hansen, Messrs. Lauckton, and Narraway, passed through on Saturday evening's train en route to Portland where they hold meetings at the Marquam on Sunday. They are expected to return some time this week, probably on Thursday, and an effort will be made for a short stop at Grants Pass.

Booth-Kelly Lumber Co.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company's mills in Lane county are all running to their full capacity, filling orders, which are very plentiful. There are plenty of cars on hand now and thousands of feet of the finest lumber in the world is being shipped by the company every day. One day last week the big Wendling mill which has a rated capacity of 150,000 feet per day, turned out 180,000 feet in ten hours, which is the best run ever made at the mill. Coburg mill is cutting 100,000 feet every eight days, an average of 12,500 feet per day. The Springfield and Saginaw mills are also doing their share of the work. Tom Williams's big drive of 7,500,000 feet of logs for the Coburg mill has been lowered to the boom at the mouth of the Mohawk river into the McKenzie. Some of the logs are already in the race at the mill and it is expected that within five days from the time they left the boom they will arrive at their destination ready for the saw.

Doll Winners.

The guessing contest on a jar of beans at the Chicago Barber shop was closed on Tuesday. The number of beans in the jar was 3199. Several were interested awarding a doll to each contestant. The following named are the fortunate doll winners: T. W. Williams, J. H. Williams, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Sweberly, Mrs. N. Moreno, Mrs. Chas. Barker, Paul Cunningham, George Dale, George Stewart.

RED DOG PLACER.

Description of Clara Belle Hydraulic Placer on Red Dog Creek.

The stream which rejoices in the melodious and poetic name of Red Dog is situated in the western part of our county and is perhaps the largest and most important of the tributaries of Briggs creek, of the Illinois river. Red Dog heads "up against" Silver creek and resembles the latter stream greatly in all of its characteristics. Briggs creek may be considered the eastern boundary of the rougher portion of the Coast range, the country east of it becoming quickly precipitous, a region of rock cliffs, deeply cleft canyons and rapid streams, some portions being so rough that it is impossible to traverse, even on foot.

Red Dog was known and worked in the earlier days of mining in this county and was one of the lively, picturesque camps of the time, the creek swarming with the rough and ready miners with gold dust in abundance. The "grocery" semi-saloon, of the period was not absent and its site is yet pointed out to travelers as they pass over the trail. The creek bed is said to have paid $12 per day to the man by the primitive methods of mining then employed.

About two miles up the creek from its mouth, the creek is confined by a narrow canyon and here the "pay" is said to have stopped suddenly, the rush of water having apparently swept the canyon clean. Above the canyon little gold has been found.

The principal mine on Red Dog is the "Clara Belle" hydraulic placer, owned and operated by Joseph Conner. The property embraces several of the bars and channels of Red Dog and Briggs creek. The canyons of these streams are for the most part narrow, but widen at times into bars or "flats" and here are always gravel deposits of considerable dimensions. At the lower end of the mining ground, on Briggs creek, a huge channel, about 250 feet in width, was cross cut last year and this channel is the scene of the present year's operations. The channel prospects well throughout its entire width and except on the outer rim, the gravel is not exceptionally large or heavy. The channel lies well above the creek so that the dump is ample and sufficient. The mine has a first class hydraulic equipment, with No. 2 giant, plenty of pipe and all necessary appliances for rapid working. The pressure is fully sufficient, being something over 200 feet. The water right is one of the best. The ditch is about three miles long, tapping Red Dog at the canyon. The creek, though not of great length, has its sources in some of the loftiest mountains of the region and furnishes a large volume of water until very late in the summer.

Red Dog dam, where the water for the mine is taken from the creek is one of the most picturesque and beautiful spots in southern Oregon. The dam is built in a canyon with sheer walls of black rock. The stream of water, pouring over the dam forms a cataract of peculiar beauty and the wild grandeur of the surroundings assists to make the scene one long to be remembered.

The rock formations on Red Dog are serpentine and granite, and belts of each alternate repeatedly on almost the whole course of the creek. The country is full of quartz, though few ledges have been located. This portion has been neglected by quartz hunters. Copper is found in this section.

The boulders of Red Dog are famous for their weight and hardness. The channels abound with black, iron-like rocks, round, smooth and polished, which ring like steel when struck with a sledge. Before the days of giant powder, they were a serious handicap in working the ground, but they are not proof against dynamite.

Red Dog gold is of the very first quality; clean, pure, heavy and solid, and commands the highest prices. It is of the coarse order and big nuggets are frequently found.

"Cold Spring" Ledge.

S Isham has recently relocated the quartz ledge at the "Cold Spring" on the mountain which forms a divide between Jones creek, Louse creek, and the Evans creek tributaries. Meade Bros. sank a shaft on this ledge at one time but failed to find a prospect to justify a continuance of the work. However, Mr. Isham, continuing the sinking operations, has found rock which carries free gold in good values and it is likely that a valuable mine may be developed with a little greater depth. The original discoverers of the ledge found some pieces of very rich rock at the surface. At the depth now reached, the ledge is about two and a half feet in width, its dimensions increasing with the depth.

Stealing Ore.

H Easley, a miner from the North Pole mine, was arrested at Baker City, Friday, for stealing 15 pounds of rich gold ore from the mine. Thursday morning C. A. Johns, the resident attorney of the mine was notified by telephone that Easley had taken a lot of ore, and that it had been sent to Baker City by express. A warrant was issued for Easley's arrest and the officer found the ore at the express office. The mine owners of Baker county have inaugurated a crusade against dishonest miners who have been robbing the mines every time they get a chance. It is said that many thousands of dollars have been stolen in this way from several of the very rich mines in Baker.

Homestake Mine.

The "Homestake" is a new quartz property in the Soldier creek district and is now under process of development. A force of about a dozen men have been at work there for a month past and two tunnels are being driven. The ore body is of good dimensions and carries encouraging values. This mine is near the famous Eureka mine and the district is one which, though comparatively new in the quartz industry, bids fair to become one of the largely producing regions.

The Weekly Oregonian and the Courier both for one year for $1. in advance.

Waldo Copper Mines

S. E. Ducommon, foreman at the Waldo copper mines, is spending Christmas in town. The work on these copper properties is confined mainly at present to prospecting on the Lyttle mine and several tunnels are being driven.

Quartz ledges that have been lost by slides or faults, may be found by calling on Dr. Jennings with his mineral magnet at Grants Pass. He has valuable mining claims for sale, or bond on reasonable terms.

Leland Siftings.

Mr. Espey took a flying trip to Grants Pass last week.

The Columbia mines are running with a full head of water.

Geo. Blalock is working a big force of men in his placer. George is a rustler.

Mrs. L. N. Browning was seen on our streets one day last week. She reports lively times at Placer.

Leland thinks of incorporating, although law and order is strictly observed and it is a quiet town.

A good many farmers are planting apple trees. Apples of fine flavor can be raised in abundance in this section.

The Leland stores are doing a good business. They have a big display of Christmas goods that would be credit to city stores.

The Greenback mine is running a deep shaft below their tunnel to tap the ledge at a greater depth. The ledge has richness with the depth.

Tobler is working his ledge with quite a force of men. He is well satisfied with the prospects. With this as with other ledges the further down they go the wider and richer become s the ledge.

The cold frosts on the mountain have stopped some of our men who were camped under trees and they have gone to the valleys to get work so as to be ready in the spring with a good grub stake.

Times are lively at Kinneyville. Kinney keeps a clerk as it is impossible for him to do his store work alone. His daughter Nellie is an efficient clerk and book keeper. His hotel is doing a good business under the management of Mr. Hathaway.

Yokohama is quite a lively village. The little brown men are busy cutting wood early and late. In this locality there is also quite a force of white men cutting wood for different parties. The wood train is taking away a large amount of wood. It is to be hoped that more piling ground will be made for next summer's hauling.

All the ledges on Mt. Reuben are being worked to their fullest capacity. They are all showing up well as far as developed. There is a movement to erect two or more stamp mills in the spring as soon as the wagon road can be completed to the mines. That is one thing that has prevented the mills being put up this winter.

The weather has become cloudy and very mild with appearance of rain. Our late frosty nights shortened the water supply so that many of the miners quit work, but from the present outlook they will resume work in a short time. The weather for the past month has been fine for the farmer for doing his winter work such as hauling fertilizer, pruning fruit trees, fixing fences and getting up the next year's wood.

Stock is doing well on the range as our early rains made good grass. Grain is growing nicely. Bon.

Saved His Life.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Chrestenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles.—Dr. Kremer.

Mystery at Talent.

Geo. Merriman, Jr., who was assisting his brother in a blacksmith shop at Talent, met with a singular accident Tuesday evening. He stepped from the house out into the dark yard, and either fell or was struck by some person; which, he does not know. A gash was cut in his chin, another across the face and two gashes lengthwise on his throat.—Town Talk.

Inspection.

Col. Yoran of Eugene, was here on Saturday and held inspection of Co. H. at the armory in the evening.

Raisins, (good cooking), per pound 5 cents—White House Grocery.

Merlin Notes.

Mr. F. Ott went to Grants Pass Monday.

Prof J. P. McConnell visited Grants Pass Saturday.

Go to Powers Hotel if you wish good accommodations.

Grand peak ball on the evening of the 25th at Ott's hall.

Miss Virginia Mitchell returned home from Eugene Saturday to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. W. A. Powers returned home Saturday from work with the bridge crew near Gold Hill.

Mrs. Wm. Jordan went to Grants Pass Monday to procure medical aid for her little son who is ill.

Mr. Zumwalt's smiling face greeted customers on entering the store of Mr. F. Ott on Monday during Mr. Ott's absence at Grants Pass.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church and an interesting program rendered by the Merlin Sunday school Christmas eve. All invited.

Do not be at all uneasy about the welfare of the Night Hawk. I take my walks by the light of the new moon when I am gathering news for the Courier.

Mr. J. M. Mack, of Ashland, arrived in Merlin Sunday evening and will spend the holidays here visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Prof. and Mrs McConnell.

Miss Josephine Crow returned home last Friday evening from Ashland and will spend the holidays at home before resuming her studies at the Ashland Normal school.

The Wm. Ott blacksmith shop has been reopened, having been rented by Messrs. G. Colby and C. H. McIntosh, who are prepared to do all work promptly. Give them a call.

The county school superintendent, Mr. Lincoln Savage visited the Merlin school last Thursday afternoon. He is much pleased with the progress of the school, and the rapid advancement the students are making in the work.

The literary is largely attended every Friday evening showing the interest taken by the citizens of Merlin in all educational pursuits. "Arcadia" was adopted as a name for the society at the last meeting.

Married—Prof. Haven, the noted violinist, and Mrs. Green, both of Merlin. The congratulations of their many friends go with them and Night Hawk wishes these new beginners in life a bright and prosperous future.

MERLIN NIGHT HAWK.

SAILOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Falls Overboard, and is Surrounded by Sharks When Rescued.

Sylus Johnson, a sailor, on board the British steamer Ellamy, which recently arrived at Mobile, Ala., from St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, had a most thrilling experience while the steamer was on the voyage to that port. Shortly after leaving St. Vincent, and when the vessel was something more than 200 miles to sea, Johnson, who was going about his duties on deck, went to one side to attend to some lines. Leaning far over the railing, he lost his balance and plunged head first into the water. Several men on deck saw Johnson as he fell, and signaled for the engines to be reversed, at the same time throwing a life-preserver to him, but this he failed to get, as the seas were running high. The Ellamy was going a speed of ten or twelve knots per hour, and, although the engines were reversed, she had gone a good distance from where Johnson fell overboard before a boat could be lowered.

Johnson, in the meantime, was struggling to keep himself afloat, knowing that some one would come to his rescue. He divested himself of all his clothing, thus making the task of swimming in the high seas much easier. Shortly after doing this, and as he was floating along, he saw to his consternation that several big sharks were moving around him as if undecided whether to eat him or wait awhile. Every time the sharks would approach him, Johnson would beat the water and yell at the top of his voice in an effort to scare them away.

Johnson was almost exhausted with swimming and calling for help when Second Mate Auxborn and First Officer Nicholson, who put out in a small boat as soon as the vessel had been stopped, rowed up and pulled the almost exhausted form into the boat. They rowed back to the steamer and were hauled on board. Johnson was overcome from his long stay in the water and his thrilling experience with the sharks.

BATHE IN THE BREAKERS.

Two Young Men at Atlantic City, N. J., Take Plunge in Icy Waters on a Wager.

Two young men astonished the strollers on the board walk at Atlantic City, N. J., the other afternoon by appearing in bathing robes and deliberately plunging into the icy breakers. They did not do it once, but several times, and there was snow on the ground and the temperature was below the freezing point. The youths were Robert J. Edmunds and Harry Townsend. They took their plunge on a wager of $50 with Robert and Harry Leslie, who come from Richmond, Va.

The cold weather and the frigid water to them were things of terror, but to Edmunds and Townsend, two hardy young men, they were as old friends. They entered the water near Young's pier, in the center of the city, plunged beneath the breakers, came out, and raced in their dripping robes along the strand to the opposite side of the pier, and took another dip, then donned their cloaks and hurried rapidly to the residence of Townsend, which was a half block distant. They were in the water six minutes or longer. Several hundred people witnessed the performance.

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The one Guessing the Nearest will Receive a

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3463

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