

YOU REMEMBER HOW IT WAS

last Christmas. Many of you put off buying presents until the eleventh hour. The result was that many of our handsomest and most desirable articles were sold and you had to take what was left.

There is nothing surer to give pleasure to the recipient and satisfaction to the giver than

Fine Perfumes
Pictures
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Gold Pens
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Atomizers
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Beauty, Usefulness and Genuineness exist in such a gift

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Slover Drug Company

Front Street

Grants Pass

SEASONABLE GOODS IN STOCK

Hill's bulk Mince Meat, 15 cents per pound.

Ripe California Olives, 15 cents per pint.

New Walnuts, Almonds, Raisins and everything good for the Xmas fruit cake and pudding.

New pack of canned goods just in stock.

The famous M. J. B. and White House Mocha & Java Coffees have no equal.

As an inducement for

CASH TRADE

we are giving away a line of beautiful Hand Decorated China Ware, now on display at our store.

From now on until January 1st, all shoes and underwear etc., at 15 per cent discount.

Hoping that you will call at our store and receive one of the beautiful calendars for 1903.

Yours for best goods at lowest cash prices.

Smith Bros. Mercantile Co.

Corner Sixth and Front Streets

Grants Pass, Oregon

Sampling a Vein.

The prospector as a rule does not consider the sampling of his prospect one of the essential points in developing his property. But if he will only consider for a moment the results to himself and to those whom he is trying to interest in these prospects, he should pay more attention to the sampling. In the first instance, as a rule, he will pick up a piece of ore or rock, look at it with the eye, and analyze it. In these words he will say to himself, "Oh, that don't carry anything," and throw it away. He will then pick up another piece that is heavily mineralized with iron or sulphurets, antimony, zinc and other bases, and say to himself, "That's good; I'm going to have it assayed." The result of such sampling is simply fooling himself, for the simple reason that he might have one or two inches of that streak with the balance of the ledge of rock or quartz like that he has thrown away. He comes back from the assay office with his returns, and claims that his entire ledge has a value of many dollars and cents per ton, from the results of his picked assay. He puts in his time developing the prospect, in many cases stints his stomach all winter to save enough for the spring to furnish himself with grub to go on and develop to a greater extent the prospect of the former year. At the expiration of two or three months he returns from camp with his samples and by chance this time has heard of his foolish way of sampling heretofore. He had taken an average sample clear across his ledge, the pay-streak and that which he thought was no good together, and has it assayed. It proves to contain traces only. He condemns the assayer, because he finds nothing for him. He swears it should carry something, that he had an assay from the same place before, that was very rich, but he doesn't say it was a picked sample. Now, Mr. Prospector, if you will follow the lines that you should follow in sampling your property, which is thus: Wrap a handkerchief over your eyes, or close them if you will, take your prospecting pick in one hand, a pan or receptacle in the other, and from wall to wall, or roof to floor, if in tunnel or if in shaft, from as high as you can reach to where you stand, pick, pick, pick, promiscuously, across said ledge, then dump same into a sack, open your eyes, mark it tie it up, and then have it assayed, and if your assayer is true to you, and to himself, there should be no reason why you should not get the actual value of your ore.

Some prospectors who like, and who do, sample streaks. If such is the case wherever such streaks or small veins that are found on ledges are to be sampled, take them assuredly. That gives you the value of the different seams or streaks that occur. I do not complain of the prospector doing this at all; it is a good idea; only he must not claim to the public that his ledge is so wide, with the values contained in the small streaks. One reason why so many prospects are turned down by the legitimate mining engineer is that he has been misinformed by the prospector before he starts to investigate the property that he finds not the things which he has been told of. This discourages him, makes him angry, puts him out; he don't care to investigate further, and he tells you it is not as you represented, that he don't wish to see any more of your property, that your price is too high anyhow, and he quits and goes back. What has he done? Not only has he condemned your property, but he has actually turned down the camp, because his report has been read by investors, and they will say, "Why, Mr. So-and-so, a mining engineer, visited that section and says he could not see anything." So, you have not only hurt yourself, but you have hurt every man interested in your district. If in bringing prospects before the mining public you would underrate it, then when they send their mining engineer to investigate, he could find it better than what you said in his report to the people; he would advise, without the question of a doubt, the payment of any reasonable sum you might ask for the property. He could not, or would not, say to his people, "It is a good piece of property. It is better than these people represented it to be, but I cannot advise the payment of so much money." You are more apt to get for your property what you ask than you would to get anything if you misrepresent—Pacific Miner.

Rival Apple Districts.

There is a rivalry growing up between orchardists in several parts of the states, Hood river and Rogue river especially, as to which can produce the finest apples and which results in the finest apples of each section being sent from time to time to the permanent exhibit on Washington street. Three boxes of remarkably fine apples have just been received from Holmes Bros., of Central Point, Rogue river, one of Baldwins and two of Yellow Newtown Pippins, fancy pack of which one may travel far to find the equals, and which are of the class that sells in New York at \$2.50 per box. They will be exhibited fresh for awhile and then be put in jars of preservative. Owing to the rivalry between Rogue river and Hood river, K. L. Smith, of the latter place, is forwarding to the exhibit boxes of Spitzbergs and Yellow Newtowns which he hopes will excel those sent from Central Point. Holmes Bros. are sending some remarkably fine onions from Butte Creek, near Eagle Point, which are said to be "a little extra," to be placed on exhibition. They were grown by Mr. Hazelton who raised 90,000 pounds just as good on 2 1/2 acres. Some apples raised by Hon. W. H. Bradshaw on his foothill orchard without irrigation are also to be seen at the permanent exhibit, and others very fine from a tract exploited by Northwick & Batty 10 years ago under the name of the Orchard Home tract. Northwick & Batty are almost forgotten, but the tract still produces very fine apples. All the tracts mentioned are striving to surpass each other in producing fine apples.—Oregonian.

Japanese Blue Bakers at Grants Pass.

Blue Print Paper by the yard or roll at the Courier office.

We are again before the public with a well selected line of

Holiday Goods

We have a fine line of Handkerchiefs of all kinds from 2 for 5c to the Muller \$1.25. Just the thing to send away to your friends.

We invite you to call before the rush

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Scientific Optician

Recommended by the Press and Public.

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Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Repairing.

Permanently located in Grants Pass

National Drug Store.

Thro' Train Southeast.

Northern Pacific-Burlington Route.

The St. Louis Special, the through express of the Northern Pacific and Burlington railroads from the Northwest to the Southeast, changed time on May 4. The trans-continental service is materially benefited, as connections for the East and South are now made with morning trains out of St. Louis and Chicago.

The St. Louis Special now leaves Portland, at 8:25 a. m.; Tacoma, 3:40 p. m.; Seattle, 3:50 p. m.; Spokane, 6:55 a. m.; Helena, 10:15 p. m.; Billings, 7:00 a. m.

The new card is more convenient to most cities in the Northwest. The train now carries standard sleeper, tourist sleeper, dining car, chair car, coach, and baggage car. Portland to Kansas City without change, also free reclining chair car. Portland to St. Louis. It remains the great TIME SAVER, as well as the only through train between the Northwest and the Southeast.

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When you take Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic, because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure No Pay. 60c.

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500 POUNDS--10 SACKS of FLOUR

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The Sugar Pine Store

Combined with a

10 Per Cent Discount Sale

on Shoes and Underwear from Dec. 8th to Dec. 25th

In order to reduce our stock for invoice January 1st, also a bargain table loaded with SNAPS from all departments including groceries.

You cannot afford to miss this sale as we carry only reliable goods, and you get the benefit of prices that are seldom made at this season of the year.

Every customer will be sent a card December 25th that will entitle them to their choice from a large assortment of holiday goods which includes all lines in our immense stock.

Put a guess on the back of this card as to how many cards we will send out, returning it before January 1st. Everyone, on presenting this card, will receive a present. The one guessing the nearest to the number sent out will receive 500 lbs. of flour or its equivalent in any goods in our store that they may select.

You make no mistake by calling at

THE

SUGAR PINE STORE

SHOES

UNDERWEAR

Christmas Gift Sale

Free gifts with every purchase of Holiday China and Glassware.

With every 50c purchase of Fancy China we give free any 10c or 15c article.

With every \$1 purchase of Fancy China we give free any 20c or 25c article.

With every \$2 purchase of Fancy China we give free any 35c, 40c or 50c article.

This offer holds good until after December 25th.

We have many new and handsome goods in this line and invite you to come and see them.

We are also showing a handsome stock of Fine Carving Sets, Chafing Dishes, Silver Ware, Fine Table Cutlery, Rogers Bros. 1847 Knives and Forks, The celebrated Cattarigus Pocket Cutlery, Air Rifles, Boys' Tool Chests, Toy Wagons, Wheelbarrows, etc.

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THE PRIDE OF HEROES.
Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for scratches, bruises, cuts, wounds, corns, sore feet, and stiff joints, Bucklin's Arnica Salvo is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, skin Eruptions and piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at Kremer's Drug store. See Vouchers about Kodaks and Supplies.

HE FOUND A CURE.
R. H. Foster, 318 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbin. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them too. See at Slover Drug Co."

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