

Holiday and Other Rates.

Christmas—to all points one and one-third fare for the round trip, except to California points where one way fare is \$10 or over. Sale dates Dec. 23, 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1st, limited to Jan. 4th to return, no stop over.

Third annual convention Retail Grocers' and Merchants' Association, Portland, January 6th and 7th.

Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association, Portland, January 19-20.

Retail Harness and Saddlery Mfg. Association, Seattle, January 11th and 13th.

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Grants Pass, Oregon

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CHILDREN ARE GIVEN GIFTS BY R. L. COE

The Christmas gifts to the boys and girls from R. L. Coe this year was a handsome box of fine candy, and the youngsters were right on hand at the time announced. Monday evening Grandpa Prescott, dressed up in Santa's garb and at the appointed hour began distributing the boxes. The boys and girls entered the front door and were handed a slip of paper on which they wrote their names and when this was handed to Santa Claus the child was presented with the box. There were 500 boxes of candy and in a very short time every one was gone. Business in the big store was paralyzed for the time being, and with the 500 youngsters, who were nearly all there at the same time, and as many more spectators, the building was crowded to its utmost capacity. This method of treating the children has been followed out for some years past and has gone a long way toward making the popularity with the young folks which the R. L. Coe store enjoys.

JEWELL HARDWARE CO WAS BURGLARIZED

August Baldwin languishes in durance vile at the Hotel de Russell for having sticky fingers. He had been working at the Jewell Hardware Company as a harness worker and during Sunday night went over the wood shed roof and climbed into the store and as he went out gathered up a lot of tools, jack-knives and other material valued at about \$60. When the store was opened Monday morning the night visitor's tracks were noticed and a survey of the shop was made. An apron be-

longing to Baldwin was in the shop Saturday night, and as this was taken with the other plunder, suspicion pointed strongly to him. The police at this city and of Roseburg, Medford, Ashland and other neighboring places were communicated with and shortly afterwards word was received that he had been arrested at Medford. When taken into custody he had several of the knives in his pockets. Most of the tools were also recovered.

SHORT COURSES FOR FARMERS

The Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis has issued a bulletin telling of the various short courses for farmers which will be given during the months of January, February and March, 1909. Farmers' week will be from January 5 to 9; creamery practice, January 5 to 15; Dairying, January 18 to 27; Horticulture, January 11 to February 20; Mechanic Arts, January 11 to February 20; Household Science and Art, January 11 to February 20.

No entrance examination or other educational test is required and the fees do not exceed \$2.00 for any of the courses. More than one hundred persons, ranging from 16 to 40 years of age, took these courses last year.

Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Wilderville Irrigation Company will be held at the residence of Jacob Wagner, Thursday, January 7, 1909, at 1 o'clock P. M. to elect officers and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

A. E. SHEHAN, President.
JOHN H. ROBINSON, Secy.

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By the Orchard Heating Device of the Frost Prevention Co. of Fresno, Cal. For Sale by

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Odd Christmas Cakes

A GERMAN NOVELTY.

GERMANY for many years has been the land of Christmas novelties, and each year the Kaiser's ingenious toy, candy and cake makers devise some oddity which proves irresistible in luring small or great sums from the pockets of Yuletide shoppers. One of the latest manias is for quaint and humorous Christmas cakes, which are literally cartoons in sugar and dough. The cakes are decorated with all sorts of funny figures made of colored sugar and in many instances are not the crude art



GERMAN CHRISTMAS CAKE—A SOLDIER SALUTING

products one would expect under the circumstances. The Bavarian peasant, for example, is a fair type of the living original as he is pictured in the German comic weeklies. A Munich waitress carrying a well grouped bunch of foam capped steins of the beverage for which Munich is celebrated at home and abroad, even if she does suggest Salome a trifle, is decidedly lifelike, while the saluting soldier by his very attitude suggests that foam capped steins and sentry duty do not assimilate very well.

The German authorities have done much to encourage the toy-making industry, particularly by collecting toys from all the world that the toy-makers might acquaint themselves with the wants and peculiarities of foreign markets. The wooden animals of the past have been eclipsed by the mechanical toys. A submarine boat

which sinks into the water and rises again, all with one charge of soda powder; a diver which goes to the bottom and bobs up serenely when air is blown into him through a little tube, a Santos-Dumont airship which



GERMAN CHRISTMAS CAKE—A MUNICH WAITRESS

really flies, a real Gatling gun with stairs for tin soldiers to go up, a railroad with full working equipment—



GERMAN CHRISTMAS CAKE—A BAVARIAN PEASANT

these are among the mechanical toys of Sonneberg.

In short, Santa Claus in these times can find the means of gratifying the wishes of his most fastidious portioner.

HENRY SANDER

Kodol will without any doubt be anyone who has stomach diarrhea or stomach trouble. Take Kodol today and continue it for the time that is necessary to give you complete relief. Kodol is sold by Drug Store.

Now is the time to visit

California

When summer has passed in these northern states, the sun is only mild under the bright blue skies of Southern California. This is one of nature's happy provisions—eternal summer for those who cannot endure a more severe climate.

California has been called the "Mecca of the winter tourist." Its hotels and stopping places are as varied as those of all well regulated cities. Visitors can always find suitable accommodations, congenial companions, and varied, pleasing recreations.

Southern Pacific Co.

Will be glad to supply some very attractive literature, describing in detail the many delights of winter in California. Very low round trip excursion tickets are on sale to California.

The rate from Grants Pass to Los Angeles and return is **\$55.00.**

Limit six months, allowing stop-overs in either direction. Similar excursion rates are in effect to all California points.

For full information, sleeping car reservations and tickets, call on, telegraph or write

R. K. Montgomery, Agent S. P. Co.

OR
Wm. McMurray, Gen. Pass. Agent
Portland, Oregon

The Big Store Is Now Dressed in Holiday Attire

Loads of new and novel presents for all members of the family. Every department crowded with the season's latest novelties that will please the eye and suit the purse. We have spared neither time nor expense, and we think a visit to this store will convince all that the Big Store is alive to the interest of its many patrons.



Cloaks and Suits For Christmas Presents

We are now sacrificing every garment in our Cloak and suit department. We have a few high priced novelties in Ladies' and Children's Cloaks that will be sold at an exceptionally low price; and if all interested in buying a ladie's fine Fur or Cloth Coat for an Xmas present, now is the time and here is the place.

GRAND CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
The R. L. Coe Company Big Store

XMAS BARGAIN NO. 1

100 Fine Card Board Mounted Steel Engravings, 20x24, 10x15 size, now on sale **24c**

XMAS BARGAIN NO. 2

1 Case fine photo gold leaf gilt frames with glass, oval, square, round and oblong; worth up to \$1 sale price **49c**

XMAS BARGAIN NO. 3

200 Novelty Jap fancy baskets with covers, cost 25c to make; now on sale **10c** (3 for 25c)

BARGAIN NO. 5

25 Men's all Wool Suits extra values **\$12.50 \$13.50**

BARGAIN NO. 6

150 Pairs Ladies' Shoes \$2.50 and \$3.50 Fine Dress Shoes, now on sale **\$1.98**

BIG XMAS STOCK

Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases special for Holiday presents

Men's Silk Ties, Holiday Novelties **25c, 50c, 75c**

Men's 3 months guaranteed socks, 3 pairs in box; 3 pairs for **50c**

Men's Fine Silk Sox **50c**

Visit Our Big Toy Department

40x15 BALCONY 40x15 — Elegant Display