WHAT YOU NEED-

The other fellow may have; what you we the other fellow may want. Come



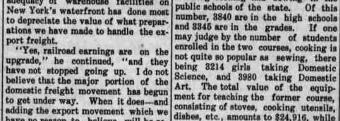


Is every day with the Merchant who divertises in the Press-he has something to sell and says so.

BARGAIN DAY

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Athena her by advertising in the Press. Buy Your Groceries From Your Home Groce VOLUME XXVIII. ATHENA, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1915. NUMBER 1. of course, does not occur to them-I should like to murmur a little wish for a bottle of hair tonic. **RAILWAY EARNINGS** NEWS ITEMS Santa Claus Christmas Time Buy your Heater **NOW** "One moving picture firm wants to **Of General Interest MAKE NEW HISTORY** put me into a play. The plot is some in CHRISTMAS TIMEI That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind thing like this: I am driving my rein-About Oregon deer over the treetops, when I am set upon by a band of aeroplane pirates. The pirates make me hold up my the Movies Cold weather will be here feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to here what is used to be; that each accessing Christmas has found some cherished hope or happy prospect of the year before, dimmed or passed away; that the present only serves to remind them of reduced circumstan-ces and astailened incomes—of the feast they once bestowed on hollow friends, and of the cold looks that meet them now; in adversity and mufortune. before you realize it. We are hands and then divest me of my stock of toys. Just when the banditplane Field Crop and Seed Growers' October Freight Increase Over prepared for it with the best is about to fly away, leaving me in distress, the chief of the robbers **Conference to Be Held** Last Year \$25,000,000. line of Heating Stoves on the Corvallis-One of the most impor-By GENE MORGAN makes a discovery. market. There is nothing to tant meetings during Farmers' Week, "Amid the pack of toys he finds a rag doll. By the tag around its neck January 3 to 8, 1916, will be that of equal them. Fine Heaters, easy the Oregon Field Crop and Seed Growhe sees that it has been addressed to PROFITS NEVER SO LARGE AS NOW UR information is in on coal, and very clean - and his little daughter. My thoughtfulness ers' association. This association was part correct," said San-ta Claus, receiving the very handsome in design. in remembering his little girl, despite her father's profession, touches the bandit's heart. He weeps, and then to the astonishment of his pais, he interviewer in the li-brary of his ice palace. <text><text><text> Come and see them NOW "It is true that I have orders them to lift me into the aero received several flatterplane ing offers to star in **FOSS-WINSHIP** "'Now, Mr. Claus,' he says, accordmoving picture producing to the subtitle, 'we are going to deliver your toys for you all over the tions. But it is not true that I have acworld tonight. Give us directions and we will fly wherever you command.' cepted any one of these HARDWARE CO. propositions. I am still in doubt as to whether "So at my direction, the bandit's aeroplane starts delivering the toys, t would be the proper thing. Barrett Building. Athena, Oregon making much better time, let me tell you, than my poor reindeers who were lett behind. Things are going along "I have my duty to the children of this world, and I must not impair my health or my power of service to them Figures show that the railways of the country are piling up increases in net operating revenue with the rapid upward leap of export trade. Settlement of the Belt Line train-men's strike at the clearing yards re-state deviced in the set of the state, the country are piling the set of the state, state deviced increases in growing but are devoted chiefly to the production of field crops. The chief sgricultured fine. Our aeroplane toy conveyance by the strenuous work demanded in the movies. No doubt I would prove has covered Canada, the United States Australia and South Africa, when suda very popular star at the children's matinees. But I wonder if the childenly, to our dismay, we find that we are being pursued. dren who see me in their dreams do not get a better and more flattering 'More pirates?' I ask in alarm. production of field crops. The chief agricultural wealth of the state is produced by these crop grow-ers. It is highly important that they should have an organization which will bring them together and promote their intercents. "No, the aero-police!' shouts my piidea of me than they would in the ESTABLISHED 1865 == rate friend. "The police had found my empty eleigh and motionless reindeer. They naturally concluded that I had been robbed and kidnaped. Now they are on the trail of my captors. The pi-rates are very much afraid that if arrested, they will be hanged at once. The police craft is gaining upon us. In order that the pirates may escape, they decide they must throw all of my. "You see, my dear sir, the camera does not lie. I am sure it would not lie for me when it will not tell faiseleased several thousand cars of East bound freight. For the month of September Ameri-can railroads showed gross and net earnings vastly larger than any Sep-tember since the advent of the steam railroad, according to official figures. An estimate based on returns by 134 roads with a total mileage of 179,000 —the total mileage of the country is 250,000—place the increase in gross earnings for October \$32,000,000 in advance of the corresponding period Preston-Shaffer Milling Co. hoods about the appearance of kings and potentates. Every child in the world thinks of me as a very hand-some old gentleman. Some of them It is hoped the Field Crop and Seed Growers' association will become one of the largest and strongest associa-tions in the state as the years advance. **AMERICAN BEAUTY** may have an idea that I am inclined to be a little stout-but a good many they decide they must throw all of my they decide they must throw all of my toys ovarboard. The vicious crew de-mands that your old friend St. Nich be thrown overboard too, as I am pret-ty heavy, besides being the cause of All farmers interested should drop a line to the secretary of the associaothers imagine I have as graceful a form as that of a young soldier. They -Charles Dickens tion at Corvallis and secure informa-tion regarding it. The meetings of the association will occur on Wednes-250,000—piace the increase in grow earnings for October \$32,000,000 in advance of the corrresponding period last year. The net increase is approximately \$25,000,000. This means that for every track mile of the 164 rail.
coads cited, on an average, the net operating revenue increase for October, 1915, is from \$401 to \$537.
"There can be no question of the wonderful advance of American trade, both domestic and foreign," said E. Campbell, general traffic manager of the Erie lines. Of course, the most startling growth is seen in the export trade. We notified our customers of an embargo on all export shipments able goods on December 15. Notwithstable goods on December 15. Notwithstable goods on December 16. Notwithstable goods 100000000000000000000000000000 FLOUR think I curl my whiskers and have a autiful wave in my long, silky locks. NOT A MISS. all the trouble. "The race continues through the sky. Is made in Athena, by Athena Labor, in one of the very best equipped Mills in the Northwest, of the "I want to raise the white flag as a token of surrender. I pledge myself to the captain of the pirate aeroplane best selected Bluestem wheat grown anywhere. that I will plead the cause of himself and his crew and secure their release Patronize home industry. Your grocer sells the famous American Beauty Flour. from the police. I tell them that the police will do them no harm, after I have explained their kindness in car-rying my toys all over the world. The Flour Your Mother Uses "The police craft is now so close that escape seems impossible. "'Give me a white flag,' I cry. "There isn't a white flag on board thing but black flags.' says the pi-Merchant Millers and Grain Buyers rate. 'Hurry up and do something You have no time to lose. If you don't surrender they will shell us. And in As two little girls were hurrying to Athena, Oregon. Waitsburg, Washington. that case, we will have to throw you overboard, St. Nick.' school, one of them saw a discarded Christmas tree in an ash barrel. overboard, St. Nick.' "My mind works quickly. I have no white flag. My handkerchief, like those of the pirate's is a red bandanna. What am I to do? Whit! Another shell rips pad on airship. "Ah! I have it. It is the scheme that saves the day." The interviewer at this point leaped to his feet and shouted in excite-ment: "Lizzie," said she, "do you think Santa Claus is a myth?" "Certainly not," retorted her com



Home of

"Your Uncle Santa Is Cotting Fat."

replied Santa Claus, proudly. "It is the signal of truce. Our lives and our precious cargo of toys are spared. "They are not aware that your uncle Santa is getting so fat that there isn't room in the sleigh for himself and the What do you think of that idea for a room in the sleigh for himself and the larger toys. Nor that my noble mane of hair isn't what it used to be. If would make a hit as the star? Well, ople ever sont me presents-which, I'm glad you think so."

life?

"Well, what do you do to have your

"It is



Descendants of Old Spanish Settlers Observed Christmas With Din-ners and Parties.

Among the descendants of the old Spanish settlers we find that they oberve a week in the celebration of Christmas. This begins one week be-fore Christmas. In the daytime they have dinners at each other's homes.

panion, glancing sharply at her. "Santa Claus is a mister. What makes you lisp so?"

WHOLE WEEK'S CELEBRATION

and in the evenings they give a series of parties at the different houses. In he evening the young folk go to the nome of one of their number and knock, and then all begin to sing. Those within the house ask, "Who is there?" and the answer is, "The Vir-gin Mary and St. Joseph seek lodging in your house." To carry out the Bi-ble story they are at first refused admittance, and then the door is opened wide and they are all given a hearty

On Christmas eve the old and young all join together and have a big celebration. In a large hall they fix up one side to represent the man-

ger, and here they very solemnly give a little play in which many take part, the characters being Mary and Jo seph, the wise men, the shepherds and the angels. This play is very real to them, and they all play their parts with a reverent spirit.



A Christmas Prayer. the eyes to see my brother's woe; me the vision that perceives his

amid my Christman joys, may go the some touch of mitigation

God point the way that I may quickly

John Kendrick Bange



Old Custom Still Prevalle. The Christmas feeding of the birds is still prevalent in many of the provinces of Norway and Sweden. Bunches of oats are placed on the roots of houses, on trees and fences, to fur-nish them with their share of the Christmas bounty.

adding the export movement which we have no reason to believe will be reduced-history will be made for Amer-ican roads."

Bullfights Under Ban.

Washington, D. C. — Prohibition against bull fighting in one Mexican state and alle of intoxicating liquor in another have been decreed in connec-tion with General Carranza's reform programme. Copies of the decree resached the Mexican embassy here Saturday.

Siuslaw Valley Gets Big Shingle Mill

Eugene-A shingle mill on the Sius-Saturday. Saturday. Governor Alvarado, of Yucatan, in addition to prohibiting liquor sales, declared effective throughout the state the agrarian reforms outlined in the Carranza platform. In Jaliage Governor Parlings's an

Carranza platform. In Jaliaco Governor Berlinga's re-forms include besides abolition of bull west of Florence and the other at Cushman, the most western point on forms include besides abolition of bull fighting obligatory Sunday rest for is-borers, reduction of hours of labor, a minimum wage, regulation of the li-guor traffic and prohibition of gam-bling. Limburger Cheese Healthy. Monroe, Wis.—Physicians of Green Monroe, Wis.—Physicians of Green

water and rail. A delegation of Siuslaw business ounty, which had the lowest death

rate in the state last summer, at-tribute the healthy condition of the community to the eating of limburger cheese. Last year 3,041,435 pounds of this cheese was produced in the county, and as a staple of food it largely dismen is expected in Eugene at the an-nual taxpayers' meeting to lobby for the construction of more than \$17,000 worth of road on the Siuslaw river.

placed meat.

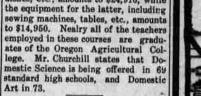
The quarterly report of the state board of health, just issued, gave Green county a death rate of 7.2 per 1000, compared with 9.2 for the state noticeable in countless advertagements appearing in the local newspapers. One firm is running half-page advertise-ments. Another firm, the National at large.

Five Schoolboys Killed. Berthold, N. D. — Five schoolboys and a man were killed and another boy probably mortally injured when a Great Northern passenger train struck a bus loaded with school children at a Ahearn, driver, was killed. The boys, lunder 16 ware being taken from probably mortally injured when a Great Northern passenger train struck a bus loaded with school children at a a bas toated with school entires at a erossing during a fog Friday. John Ahearn, driver, was killed. The boys, all under 16, were being taken from school to their homes. Leonard and

Robins Visit Hood River. Earle Miller, Severt and Anton Hagen and Harry Arnold were killed, and the Hood River — Hundreds of Alaskan robins are now making their winter home in the Hood River valley. The birds, while similar to the robin that nests here in the summer and seeks a warmer clime further south at the latter's brother is expected to die. Cholera Fatal to 100,000. Wahington, D. C.—Because native Filpino health officers failed to cope with an epidemic of cholers in the is-lands within the last year, there were 10,000 deaths, Captain R. C. Helebow-er, of the army medical corps, told the senste Philippines committee.

close of fail, are duller in color. Orchardists welcome these winter guests, for the birds clean up any fruit left in the orchards to harbor possible disease pests. The robins also feed on insects and seeds of troublesome weeds.

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