

Santa Claus Says--



If ever a man has trials—real old-fashioned tribulations—I do. Ought not to, I suppose, but here I am—just one person—with an iron-clad, copper-riveted contract to make millions of people perfectly happy, and do it all between 12 o'clock Christmas Eve and 5 o'clock Christmas morning.

And—if I disappoint anybody—bang!—off goes a piece of my reputation.

Got to be a mind reader, too.

Well—it's up to me—all right—got to stop thinking and go to work.

Yes,—but Santa Claus CAN be helped.

YOU can save him a lot of worry and trouble, by coming here—right away—and selecting some of the gifts you want your friends to have.

"HERE" is the best kind of a Christmas store—just filled (every nook and corner of it) with beautiful gifts—and with every member of

our selling force really eager to help you solve the Christmas problem. Better come right away! Let the children send me a wireless message from Baker-Hutchason Co.'s store.

HERE IS OUR LIST

Check off the items you think you would like and come and examine them. You'll see right away that we save you money. You would save money to buy here at our regular prices in most cases.

THE CHRISTMAS SALE

will surprise you greatly.

Ladies' Suits

Every Suit on sale and the entire stock has been divided into four lots:
Suits worth to \$25.00.....\$14.50
Suits worth to \$35.00.....\$21.50
Suits worth to \$50.00.....\$31.75
Suits worth to \$75.00.....\$41.25

PILLOW TOPS.
Regular 35c to \$2 grades 28¢ to \$1.60

Ladies' Coats

Every Coat in the store is on sale and you'll miss a bargain if you fail to buy here.
Coats worth to \$9.00.....\$5.29
Coats worth to \$14.50.....\$9.28
Coats worth to \$24.00.....\$16.69
Coats worth to \$30.00.....\$19.98

SILK RIBBONS.
Fancies.....5¢ to \$1.00
Plain colors—all widths..11¢ and to 50¢

Ladies' Skirts

Buy her a Skirt for Xmas—no better time to save than now.
Skirts worth to \$4.50.....\$2.98
Skirts worth to \$8.00.....\$5.00
Skirts worth to \$11.00.....\$7.00
Skirts worth to \$13.50.....\$9.89

LADIES' NECKWEAR
Tailored Collars.....\$ 2.50 to 25¢
Chiffon and Ruching Collars—many styles.....\$5.00 to 25¢

Raincoats

Either Silk or Wool—a nice assortment—all sizes.....\$5.00 to \$10.00

WAIST PATTERNS
Special values at.....\$4.00 to \$7.50

Handkerchiefs

See the booth
Thousands for men, women, boys and girls; regular 5c to \$5.00 values for.....4¢ and along to \$4.00

Christmas Linens

All yard goods, Towels, Napkins, Etc., to go during Xmas sale at **ONE-FIFTH OFF.**

Blankets

Regular \$2.00 to \$10.00 sellers for \$1.60 and to.....\$8.47

Gift Gloves

Always acceptable as a gift—bought here they'll be right—\$1.00 and to \$4.00.

Fancy Aprons

The finest assortment ever shown in Medford and you can save **JUST ONE-FIFTH.**

Xmas Hosiery

Not many fancy Hose, but a lot of the good, durable kind for ladies and children—special.....10¢ to \$1.25

Leather Goods

Bags, Collar Cases, Suitcases, Hand Satchels, Etc., Etc., in a very large assortment. Every one on sale at reduced prices..21¢ and up to \$11.47

Veils and Veiling

Buy here a Veil of beautiful style. You can save **ONE-FIFTH.**

DRESS GOODS.

A Dress Pattern is always an acceptable present. All Dress Goods reduced in price.....17¢ and to \$1.98

BABY'S GIFT.

Baby Booties.....\$1.25 to 10¢
Baby Sacques.....\$2.00 to 25¢
Baby Hoods.....\$2.00 to 25¢
Baby Sweaters.....\$2.50 to 35¢
Baby Leggings.....\$1.00 to 25¢
Baby Toques.....\$2.00 to 25¢
Baby Shawls and Hoods.....\$1.50
Baby Mittens.....50¢ to 10¢

FANCY DOLLIES

10¢ to \$5.00.

FANCY BOXES.

with Gloves, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Etc., Etc. Prices reasonable.

WOOL SHAWLS.

Special prices.....59¢ and to \$4.50

BEAUTIFUL WAISTS.

Finest assortment of both long and short sleeves, Taffeta, Messalines, wool and net, in cream, black and almost all shades. Every Waist reduced **ONE FIFTH.**

CHILDREN'S COATS

Reduced **ONE-FIFTH**
UMBRELLAS.
A very large assortment 50¢ and to.....\$8.00

Condor Company Makes Proposal.

H. C. Stoddard, superintendent of the Condor Water & Power Co., was in town Tuesday evening in conference with the Water Committee of the Town Council, when he submitted a preliminary proposition for supplying Central Point with water. Owing to an accident on the road Mr. Stoddard was delayed an hour in reaching here, and the meeting of town officials and citizens which had gathered at the Town Hall to hear his proposal had adjourned before he arrived. The proposition offered by Mr. Stoddard for the Condor Co. follows:

"TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL,
Central Point, Oregon.

"We submit for your consideration the following proposition:

"If the City of Central Point will construct a pipe line from Gold Ray to Central Point, to cost approximately \$120,000.00, and will allow us the free use of said pipe line, you paying the bond interest on cost of said line, we will furnish you with water not to exceed 5,000,000 gallons per month free of charge.

"Should the consumption of water by the City of Central Point exceed 5,000,000 gallons per month, then said City is to pay us 10 cents per 1,000 gallons for all water used in excess of 5,000,000 gallons per month.

"We to have the free use of said pipe line at all times and to have the right to sell such water for irrigation and other purposes outside the City of Central Point that is not required to supply your City."

After reading his proposition Mr. Stoddard stated that it would probably be possible to interest the farmers around the town in the matter of forming an irrigation district which would co-operate with the town in the matter of securing the pipe line, and that if the people of the town wish to go farther into the matter the company will send a representative to take up the irrigation matter with the farmers.

The matter of power for a pumping plant, in case the town should decide to install a well system, was also discussed informally, Mr. Stoddard stating that his company would supply power at the rate of \$5.00 per month per H. P. for 10 hours' pumping. He estimated that it would require a 25-horse-power motor to pump sufficient water for the present needs of the town, which would cost approximately \$125.00 per month. He suggested, however, that a meter system would no doubt prove much cheaper than the flat rate.

Mr. Stoddard assured the committee that if the matter should be taken up by the town and acted upon favorably the company would bind themselves to deliver water in the town within six months.

The meeting was purely informal, meant only as a first step towards the full consideration of the water problem. The water committee expects to soon have a complete report on a water system from a competent engineer and until that is in the hands of the committee no actual recommendations can properly be made.

It is a Wonder.

Chamberlain's Liniment is one of the most remarkable preparations yet produced for the relief of rheumatic pains, and for lame back, sprains and bruises. The quick relief from pain which it affords in case of rheumatism is alone worth many times its cost. Price, 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by Mary A. Mee.

Among some of the very latest books we have in the circulating library are "A Little Brother of the Rich," "A Shepherd of the Hills," "The Emanuel Movement," and others. We desire to buy books as soon as issued by the publishers. Will order for you any late books you may desire to read. The library is at the home of Rev. A. N. Jacquemin.

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The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Mary A. Mee.

Grand Holiday Excursion.

Bolton & Peil announce their annual holiday excursion to San Francisco, leaving Ashland Saturday, December 25th, at 11:35. Tickets for round trip \$16, good for 15 days. Sixty or more excursionists will make the fare \$15, so parties intending to make the trip should notify the management without delay. Call on or address T. K. Bolton or Emil Peil, Ashland. 34d35

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The Pacific Northwest.

Portland, Ore., December 14, 1908. (Special Correspondence.)

J. E. DeFabaugh, editor of the American Lumberman, of Chicago, who has bestowed such marked praise on Douglas fir, has the following to say editorially in the current issue of that paper:

"The Pacific Northwest makes a wonderful appeal to every visitor. It is a land of living waters, of golden soil, of mineral wealth beyond comprehension, of forests which will bless mankind when other lands are desolate, a land of mountain, plain and valley, of a people great in intellect, energy, endurance and kindness. In this golden Northwest, in a climate without the harshness of the North or the enervating softness of the South, these people are building an empire. They have harnessed the streams for power, or pouring them over the plains, have produced fruitful fields and gardens; they are wresting from the earth its mineral wealth; they are converting the forests into forms of utility and beauty; they are building schools and colleges; the Bible vision of every man dwelling under his own vine and fig tree is realized here, where his every bodily need and intellectual want may be gratified. The natural wealth of the country is great and great are its achievements, but better than all this are the people themselves—a chosen race, growing in numbers and in all the accomplishments and graces which make a people mutually useful and happy."

One of the most important gatherings to be held on the Pacific Coast during 1909 will be the convention in Portland of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations brought here through the instrumentality of President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College. The American Association of University Presidents, the American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers, the Agronomic Society and the Association of Agricultural Chemists always hold their conventions at the same place and time as the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, and will therefore be here also. Delegates to these meetings comprise college and university presidents, directors of experiment stations, experts in the different bureaus of the Department of Agriculture, and other specialists, and an attendance of between 1200 and 1500 is expected. An extended visit to the A-Y-P Exposition is included in their schedule. The exact date of the convention will be announced soon.

Table Rockets.

Our literary society gave its first entertainment Friday evening. The attendance was large and enjoyed the program, which was carried out in a very creditable manner for a first effort.

The committee in charge of the Christmas tree entertainment report that our citizens have subscribed very liberally, that a good program is being prepared and that the affair is sure to be a success. The only fear is that we will be shy on room to accommodate the crowd that will attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Houston and son, Sanford, of Long Branch, spent Saturday night with friends here.

Several of our citizens went to Medford Saturday to hear Prof. O'Gara lecture on orchard pests and how to combat them.

Harvey Richardson, who has the contract to put up the telephone line to Trail, is making rapid progress with the work.

School Notes.

Reported by Mildred Antle.

Jimmy Neff had the misfortune to fall from a wire on which he was swinging last Thursday and break his arm above the wrist.

School will close on Xmas eve for the next week. On account of school having begun a week late only a week can be spared for the holidays.

The literary society will meet on Friday to choose the debaters for the debate which will occur in February. A program will also be given.

Edith Ross, who has been very ill for the past week, is a little better, and hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. Purkeypile is absent from school because of the illness of her little niece.

Miss Maud Cophran, who has been staying at Grants Pass for some time, returned Tuesday to spend the holidays with her mother.

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