

This is, you see, a Christmas tree, one of the best type too! and while, dear sir, 'tis not a fir, yet it was made for you. 'Tis true you see upon this tree no presents rich and rare; yet please be kind, and bear in mind, in wish the gifts are there. We now wish all, the short and tall, young, middle-aged and gray; the poor, the rich, white, black as pitch, "A Merry Christmas" Day.

Was Christmas Abolished?

A minister in Chicago thinks that if Christ were to come to earth one of the first things he would do would be to abolish Christmas. "Christmas has become a burden almost too great to be borne," he said. "Think of the many weary hours the business world is now laboring under to take care of the extra work entailed by the proximity of Christmas. Think again of the constraint in many a tender heart which longs to discharge the obligations thrust upon it by gifts of friends in former years, and yet which is unable to respond to the expectations. This is all out of accord with the spirit of Him whose birthday we are supposed to celebrate."—Ex.

That is from the pessimistic side of it. There is enough on the other side to more than even things up. Christmas is a splendid day, and it is to be regretted that all do not treat it in a sensible way, instead of going to extremes, as many do.

A Letter to Santa Claus.

Dear Santy Claus, we wish you would bring us a machine that would bust the trusts, cause it seems like Tedy is ben only fooling us all of this time. Pa sees if the trusts had got broke then he could forded to get me a ere-gunn this Crismas. But lme going to cheer up anyway and maybe Billy Bryan will get the job next time and Puck too will get skedue 23 and I will have an ere-gunn. He bet my dad could bust them. He sees it seems as if pa is got a more lojuekil economeil glibstieky and could beat Tedy all to smash busten trusts. I dont eair anyhow just so they git busted so I can have a ere-gunn. Pe ess.—Santie, my little sisiter wants a doll.

Goodbye, WILEY MURRY.

The Kickers Hit Again.

A former Kansas man clipped this from a Kansas paper, and brought it to the DEMOCRAT office for circulation in Oregon. Every once in a while an editor has an attack of dipepsia and when he does someone generally comes in for a goolly portion of his morbid wrath. The kaecker was chosen as the theme of one editor who was recently in throes of that dreadful disease and here is what he wrote: Saint Peter 'tis said, sits out by the gate, his hands on the strings of his lyre, and he sings as he sits, a low song as he waits for the spirits of those who expire. He hears in the distance the chorus of song that swells at the foot of the throne, and warbles as the music is wafted along, and warbles this lay of his own: "There's room in this region for millions of souls, who by sorrow and wee were bereft: 'tis for those who have suffered, the melody rolls, but the kickers must turn to the left. There is room here for people who when they were young, persisted in sowing wild oats, yet who boomed up the city with sinew and tongue—but the kickers must go with the goats. There is room for the people who pointed with pride to the beauty and growth of their town, who kept singing its praises and charms till they died—but the kickers will please amble down. There is room for the burghers who cheerfully paid their taxes for sewers and lights, but the kickers must stay where the drainage is bad and the burnt sulphur illumines the nights. There is room for the voters on whose loyal support their party could always rely, but the kickers must go to the satanic court, a place they can't 'bolt' when they die. There is room for all those who at last and at first, supported their tradesman at home, but the kickers who branded home goods as the worst, from mansions forever must roam. They'd say that the music was all out of tune and the angelic robes hand-me-downs, and they'd send for a jeweler off to the moon to sample the gold in their crowns. So while there is room for the million of souls, who by sorrow and wee are bereft, we want no complaint of the music that rolls, and the kickers will turn to the left.

SANTA CLAUS

Gets Some Letters from Albany Girls and Boys.

In response to the DEMOCRAT'S offer of a dollar for the best letter addressed to Santa Claus, from a boy or girl of ten or under, the DEMOCRAT received several very bright letters, which were submitted to a member of the faculty of Albany College for judgment. The following was considered the best, taking into consideration everything, including age of the writer: Dear Santa Claus. When you come to our house will you leave me a rocking horse, with a big doll on it, and a rocking chair and a ring. Do not forget my sisters and baby. The Christmas tree is in the parlor, the candles are already on the tree, and we are going to trim it tonight so it will be ready to put the presents on. You have to give presents to so many I bought a ball for baby. You will find it on the parlor table. Ruth McDaniel, six years old.

The following was considered next best:

Dear Santa Claus:—I thought I would write to you and tell you that I had moved to Albany since last Christmas. I do not want you to forget me, so I will tell you what I would like to have you bring me. A ring, a book, a doll, and a gold watch. If you think that is too many things for one little girl, I would like to have the ring and the doll. Good-bye Santa Claus. Leah Sherwood, age 8-1-2. My address is 229 E 7th St. Albany.

Here are a few of the others:

Dear Santa Claus:—How are you getting along? Do you know what I want for Christmas? A pair of roller skates, a knife with a chain on, as I want to use it, also want a big mail sack full of candy, so I can give some to the poor girls and boys. Oh, say, if it snows, and it is not asking too much, don't forget to put in a bright red sled. I am always glad when Christmas comes, and don't forget it is only three hundred and sixty four days more to next Christmas. 8 years old, your little friend, Eugene Alex Dumond.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl eight years old. My papa is pastor of the Evangelical church, and I go to Sunday School every Sunday. We came from Louisville, Ky. about four years ago. If you remember, you came to visit me there, at 950 24th street. I always try to be a good girl. Now dear Santa, I would like a visit from you this year. Don't forget where I live. I would like a toy piano like those at Meiser's, and a pair of princess slippers with fur around them. Alice Hildred Jameson.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll cart for my big doll. Would you please tell Mrs. Santa Claus to make my doll a white dress and have it made like a lady's dress. I would like you to bring me these books: Janie and Josie and Joe. And Four Little Mischiefs and Water Babies. Please bring me a little sewing set. Your little friend, Janet E. Dawson.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—I thought I would write you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas, I want a ring, a bracelet and lots of things. Santa Claus does not come around only once a year. I think Santa Claus a dear old fellow. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Flora Stoaks.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am well and hope you are the same. I am a good boy sometimes, and hope all the other boys and girls are good too. Dear Santa, are you coming this way, if you do bring me some nice story books and nothing else. Dear Santa, when you come stop in the First Presbyterian church and see our Christmas tree if you have plenty of time. I hope you are not so busy this year as you were last year. You little friend, Davis Leininger.

There are others, but the DEMOCRAT lacks space to give more.

Frenzied Thoughts.

Commuting Patrick's sentence to life imprisonment, would have the further advantage of enabling the courts to devote their time to other business.

Congress will have the President on its hands, only three months, but it will know what it has been through.

Mr. Hearst declares that he will never resign again become a candidate. One dose of Murphy cured him.

Santos Dumont declares that everybody will fly after awhile. Yet it seems that some haven't waited.

That man with \$25,000,000 and a desire to wed Mme Calve seems hard to locate. Perhaps the roll is only stage money after all.

We do not know what it is that Spain and Morocco are fixing to fight about, but we rather suspect that it is the featherweight championship.

The President's verdict is expected to be that the progress on the canal could not have been greater if he had been digging it himself.

"The Curtain Down On Caruso", reads a headline, but if there is any truth in his story, the Police are down on Caruso.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Schultz and children of Shedd wish to thank all the kind neighbors and friends during the sickness and death of husband and father. MRS. SCHULTZ AND CHILDREN.

WEDNESDAY.

HOME AND ABROAD.

The O. A. C. basket ball team has been sweeping things in Washington, beating Winlock 104 to 5 and Centralia 82 to 28.

Miss Leah Vada Crutchfield, a daughter of Rev. Jas. A. Crutchfield, and sister of Mr. Elvin Crutchfield of this city, and M. Thomas S. S. Hardwick, were united in marriage in Chicago on Dec. 15. Cards have just been received by Albany friends, whose best wishes they will have.

Shedd.

The Christmas trees were well attended.

Farmers Institute on Thursday Dec. 27th afternoon and evening sessions.

Rex Davis, salesman for J. A. Folger & Co. is home for the holidays.

Louis Scott has just finished building a barn. L. G. Thompson was the architect.

The residence of B. N. Crawford was damaged by fire on the night of the 24th. The train crew gave the alarm.

Jackson & Allen will soon open a new general merchandise store.

Dr. Ellis of Albany was called last Sunday to attend Mrs. Marshall, who was quite sick.

Jimmy McConnell contemplates building a new house and barn the coming summer as to who will help him occupy the house we are not reliably informed.

The Shedd foot ball team went to Halsey last Saturday for a contest in this Manly Art. The game was hotly contested and ended in a fight between two of Halseys invincibles.

All Kinds of Plays.

We get all sorts of theatrical performances here but the plays of Shakespeare are rare, and Shakespeare was the greatest of all dramatic writers. The intelligence of the world have for over three hundred years bowed to his genius but the recent demand for trifling farces, un-real melodramas, musical plays etc. has induced managers to give that sort of mental papulum to their audiences and the works of the Divine Bard have been neglected, much to the regret of the better class of theatre goers, so the announcement of the coming of the eminent tragedian John Griffith in Shakespeare's tragedy "King Richard the Third" may be regarded in the light of a welcome novelty. Mr. Griffith carries a particularly good company, complete scenic and costume inventory—all historically correct and other needful aids to a perfect performance. He plays here Monday Dec. 31 at the opera house.

The Weather.

Range of temperature, 38-51 degrees. The rainfall for the previous day was .38 inch. For the day previous to 8 a. m. Christmas, .84 inch. The fields around Albany have become temporary lakes. The river is 9.1 feet. Prediction: rain tonight and possibly Thursday. F. M. French, local observer.

Northwestern Inventors.

The following patents were issued last week to Northwestern inventors: Wash. J. F. Barnhill, Patmap, Rail joint. H. B. Foley, Seattle, Saw filer. C. V. Livermore, Seattle, Ticket holder. P. McDonald, Spokane, Manually operated log-sawing machine. G. F. Sevon, Seattle, Cake dough cutter. G. S. Willoughby, Spokane, Railway semaphore. Greg. H. H. Winslow, Mt. Tabor, Manifold Sales-book. Copies of any of the above patents will be furnished at ten cents each, by D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C.

WHEN YOU MAKE PRESENTS—let them be of such things as will last long, to the end, they may be in some immortal, and may frequently refresh the memory of the receiver. For a present there is nothing more acceptable than a beautifully framed picture. We have this season that will please. BURKHART & LEX.

Olympic Patent Hard Wheat Flour the best, \$1.20 a sack at all the grocery stores.

Buy the Toy an express wagon, all sizes at Stewart & Sox Hdw. Co.

Fine candles and also a fine line of Xmas boxes, where? At the Crest. L. L. POTTS, 310 W 2nd St.

Fresh Garden Seeds

Two packets for a nickel at STEWART & SOX Hdw.

Cured Paralysis. W. F. Bally, P. O. Free, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering six years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's New Liment, cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frost-bites and skin eruptions. It does the work." Sold by Foshay & Mason.

Accidents will happen, but one best regulated family keep Dr. T. Jones' E. E. Oil for such emergencies. It soothes the pain and heals the hurt.

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped until I used Doan's Ointment. It cured me permanently."—Hon. John B. Gardner, Mayor, Girard, Ala.

MISFITS.

A merry Christmas. These are striking days.

See that there are no holes in your stockings.

Down with the man who would abolish Christmas.

The holiday trade has been large and satisfactory.

The Albany foot ball has been shelved for certain.

The trains are crowded with people on their annual Christmas trip.

Snowed under: the letter carriers, or rather Christmas present carriers.

Prize fights take the place of fuel in Tonapah and Goldfield for warming people up.

The huggless dance has been started in Chicago. Wonder if the big feet has anything to do with it.

An Albany man who was in Portland says not half the street cars are running, that the Portland papers make everything look serene in order not to affect the holiday trade of the city.

Editor Hoefler has been having heaps of fun in New York. He ate where ex-President Cleveland always stops and paid \$1.85 for a plain meal, handing out a \$2 bill and the waiter kept the change for a tip. Then he went to a cheap place and got some sauerkraut and pigs nuckle and all it cost was 40 cents, and he gave the hat man 25c for not trying to work him for a tip. That's a hot pace for an editor.

Snowed Under.

Christmas eve when we came here we found a box of three pieces of linen, clean and white, lying at our door, and Xmas day we had two bountiful Xmas dinners brought in, and then after all this, a little girl came in later with some good things for our supper. Hoping that all our friends may have the privilege of sitting down at the marriage supper of the Lamb, who was born in a stable and cradled in a manger. JOHN MORRISON.

In and About Stayton.

An election held last Monday for voting a road tax.

Miss Fannie Caldwell of Albany returned home Monday after teaching a three months successful school in Linn county near Stayton.

George and Charley Brown bought the Stayton Garding Mills of V. H. Caldwell of Albany.

Mrs. Applet returned home Monday after about four months medical treatment in the Portland hospital.

The funeral of Miss Jane Thomas which was held at the Baptist church last Monday was largely attended. BUMPS.

NOBODY SPARED.

Kidney Troubles Attack Albany Men and Women, Old and Young Alike.

Kidney ills seize young and old alike—Quickly come and little warning give. Children suffer in their early years—Can't control the kidney secretions. Girls are languid, nervous, suffer pain. Women worry, can't do daily work. Robust men have lame and aching backs. Old folks, weak, rheumatic, lame. Endure distressing urinary ills. The cure for man, for woman, or for child. Is to cure the cause—the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys—Cure all the varied forms of kidney suffering. Albany testimony guarantees every box.

Mrs. George Sault, of 1014 East Fourth St., Albany, Ore., says: "From my experience and from the cases of several of my people back east have used Doan's Kidney Pills. I highly recommend the remedy to sufferers from kidney trouble. An attack of backache was speedily banished by less than one box of this remedy, which I got at Foshay & Mason's drug store. I know Doan's Kidney Pills are what they are represented to be, and am pleased to recommend them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's and take no other.

Hurry Up Boys!

To every couple being married in Albany New Year's day, I will print twenty-five wedding announcements or invitations. Yours for clean printing. RAWLINGS, 123 Broadway.

For Sale.

We have a special bargain in a nice 3 room cottage with bath, and two lot nicely located. Also note and mortgage for sale, well secured. S. N. STEELE & CO.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man is an unemployed beggar. Blood-Bitters builds up and cleans the system. You will.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SIDNEY SLOANE NOT GUILTY.

SPokane, Dec. 24.—"Not guilty by reason of insanity" was the verdict of the jury in the case of Sidney Sloane, the eighteen year old boy who murdered his father, James F. Sloane.

\$400 P. O. Robbery.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Burglars entered the St. Johns postoffice and secured \$260 in money and same amount in stamps, and escaped without arousing the roomers on the floor above.

SPokane, Dec. 26.—Advices received here state that attempt has been made by unknown persons to blackmail the Northern Pacific in the sum of \$25,000. They threatened to dynamite the Burlington express between Billings and Livingston unless the sum was left at a certain place. Detectives were put on the train but nothing transpired today.

People Who Come and Go

J. D. Henry, Salem. John P. Van Orsdell, Dallas. F. E. Wallace and wife, Mt. Angel. Dr. Wm. G. Amos, Lebanon. A. Hope, Corvallis. Leo Hanley, Brownsville. H. B. Kuntz, Portland. D. C. McClung, Cottage Grove. A. N. McCubbins, " " John M. Cubbins, " " Duncan Kercher, Eugene. John Dant, Philadelphia. O. C. Graess, Newport. Mrs. Boyd St. Clair Wilson, S. F. Tom B. Brown, Omaha. R. N. Hoover, Detroit. G. B. Milloy and wife, Mill City. Mrs. L. M. Wardle, Lebanon. J. C. Mayo, Astoria. R. R. Myers, Halsey. T. L. Dugger, Seaside. W. S. Kurre and wife, Independence.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, cause chronic constipation. Doan's Regulets operate easily, tone the stomach, cure constipation. 25c. Ask your druggist for them.

KEEP AN EYE on the Vienna Bakery for good things to EAT. Second street between Ellsworth and Lyon streets.

ALBANY OPERA HOUSE

MONDAY, DEC. 31

America's Leading Tragedian



JOHN GRIFFITH

and a superior company in a majestic revival of Shakespeare's immortal Tragedy.

King Richard The Third

New Fire Proof Scenic Equipment. Novel Electrical Effects. Rich and Correct Costuming. Startling Battle Tableaux and every advantage.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of David S. Myers, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate with the county clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and the County Court of said county on the 28th day of January, 1907, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., on said day, for the hearing of said account and the settlement of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same as by law required, within six months from this date.

Dated December 28th, 1906. CLARA MYERS, Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Sarah R. Philpot, deceased, by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same as by law required, within six months from this date properly verified as by law required.

Dated Nov. 20, 1906. J. M. PHILPOTT, Administrator of the estate of Sarah R. Philpot, deceased. J. F. YATES, Attorney for Administrator.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County: Daniel Whyte, Plaintiff, vs. W. M. McCorle, Mary A. Finn and M. A. Finn, her husband, Annie Willoughby and K. L. Willoughby, her husband, Frank McCorle and Letha McCorle, his wife, Chester McCorle and Effie McCorle, his wife, John M. Corke and Lou McCorle, his wife, Zenas Rees and J. B. Eisea, her husband, Rufus McCook and Jessie McCorle, his wife, an Eugene Smith, Defendants. To Eugene Smith, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff, in the above entitled court now on file with the clerk of said court, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and you are notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as required, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: for a decree of the court requiring the above named defendants to set up whatever claim or interest they may have in the following described premises, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the center of the county road, which point is North 3.15 chains and East 51 links distant from the North East corner of Section 30 in Township 12 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence East 23.48 chains to the center of Muddy Creek, thence following up the center of said creek to the East boundary line of the Donation Land Claim of John Smith and Jane Smith, his wife, Notification No. 2028, Claim No. 47, in said Township and Range, thence Southerly on said East line to the South East corner of said Donation Land Claim, thence West to the Willamette River, thence Northerly following said river to the North line of said Section 30, thence East to the center of said County road, thence North 11 degrees 30 minutes West along said road to the place of beginning, containing 164.35 acres, more or less, in Linn County, Oregon, that the same may be adjudicated by the court, and for a decree adjudging the plaintiff to be the owner in fee of the whole of said premises, and that none of the defendants have any right, title, or interest therein, and for such other relief as to the court may seem meet in equity.

This summons is published in the ALBANY DEMOCRAT once a week for six consecutive weeks by order of the Hon. William Galloway, Judge of the above entitled court, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 17th day of November, 1906, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 23rd day of November, 1906.

HEWITT & SOX, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator de bonis non with the will annexed, of the estate of Adam Settler, deceased, has filed his final account in the matter of said estate with the Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and the County Court of said County and State has fixed January 7th, 1907, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the hearing of objections, if any, to said final account, and the final settlement of said estate.

Dated this December 27th, 1906. CLARENCE B. SETTLEAIER, Administrator de bonis non. T. J. STITES and J. J. WHITNEY, Attorneys for Administrator.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of David Sylvester, deceased, by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon; therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at his residence in Lebanon, Oregon, with the proper vouchers duly verified, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 12th day of October, 1906. A. F. FITZWATER, Administrator of said estate. W. R. BILYEU, Attorney for Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Linn County, Or., administrator of the estate of A. J. Blevins, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to me at my home at Tanent, Or., properly verified within six months from the date hereof, as required by law.

Dated Nov. 2, 1906. ASA LEWELLING, Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the county court of Linn County, Oregon, duly appointed executor of the last will and testament and estate of Elizabeth Leom, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned, duly verified as by law required, within six months from this date.

Dated this 9th day of November, A. D. 1906. D. I. ISOM, Executor. WEATHERFORD & WYATT, Attorneys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has this day been appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Marjorie Jenkins, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Linn County, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same duly verified to the undersigned at his residence in Linn County, Oregon, or to L. H. Montague, my attorney, at his office 329 West 2nd Street, Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated Albany, Oregon, Nov. 28, 1906. HENRY C. JACKSON, Administrator for Administrator.