

### The Christmas Season.

Christmas is the most popular holiday of the year. It gets down a little closer to the heart than any other. The 4th is glorious because of its national character, but Christmas is world wide. No matter what a person's belief he celebrates Christmas in a Christian way, an endorsement after all of the Christ spirit.

The day is great because it celebrates giving. Founded on the giving of His life for all by Christ, it has reached out into a general giving. A splendid thing because it opens the heart, something needed by everybody. The one who gives diamonds is not the one necessarily who gives most. It may be one who gives what has cost practically nothing, a labor of love. Carried on in the right spirit it blesses mankind.

Some may look upon it merely as a commercial affair; but it is not. With those who take advantage of the occasion, and properly, to do business, there is more at the foundation of it than that.

It is well not to stop with the Christ spirit during the season, but to keep it going during the year, not in so material a way; but in the giving of good deeds which shall be a blessing to mankind.

### A Business Straw.

The Christmas trade in Albany and Chicago has been the biggest in the history of these two cities. The Chicago part of it speaks for the east, and indicates that the depression of a year ago is giving place to better conditions, and that there is a return of prosperity throughout the east, where times have been materially depressed for some time. The Albany part of it speaks for this Northwest country, for this city is a representative one, a good index of the condition of affairs throughout this part of the United States. Perhaps business affairs may be somewhat better here than in some towns, but in a general way Albany speaks very well for the Northwest country. The outlook is good.

### Frenzied Thoughts.

Mr. John Temple Graves is in charge of the editorial end of the New York American. Which is to say, "Richard is himself again."

According to Count Boni, the Prince de Sagan is the real villain of the play.

After all, Uncle Joe Cannon can roar you tariff revision as gently as any sucking dove.

They say strikes are a sign of prosperity. But we could do without them just at this period.

In addition to the election crop of babies, Taft has had a park named for him.

The restaurants are talking of tariff revision likewise, with a view of removing bread and butter from the free list.

The Electoral College has no football team worth mentioning, but it is a popular institution just the same.

Great is publicity. It shows that we can elect a president for about a third of what it used to cost.

One chancellor may possibly make the emperor of Germany shut up; but it takes baby jumpers, rattles and nursing bottles to quiet the emperor of China.

### TELEGRAPH.

## FINCH TELLS OF HIS LIFE.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—James A. Finch was on the witness stand two hours today and recited his life's history. He referred to the crime only twice, describing the murder as an unfortunate affair.

### Labor Union Aroused.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The executive council of the Federation of Labor will throw out the contempt decision question at a meeting in January. The labor union is much aroused over the decision against Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell. Scores of letters were received at the White House addressed to President Roosevelt protesting against the decision. They are from all parts of the country.

### The Oliver Typewriter.

Best on the market. First National Bank people have five. Albany College has ten. Thirty-five used in Albany. See the new tabulator and ruling device. \$15 cash, then 17c per day, payable monthly. See one at Steward & Sox Hardware Co. Phone 218. Home Phone.

### The Crest.

I have a very choice line of X'mas bon bon boxes. Come early and get your pick. L. L. POTTS.

HOFLICH'S for your oysters properly served, according to taste.

### A Timber Study.

The future development of the lumber industry in this country lies in the direction of a closer utilization of forest products. Both foresters and practical lumbermen now agree on this point.

Just what can be done in this field is well illustrated in the operations at the mill of the Great Southern Lumber Company, which has just reopened its plant at Bagalusa, Louisiana, in response to the increased demand for lumber after the recent slump in business. This is perhaps the largest saw mill in the United States, if not in the world, and is capable of turning out the enormous amount of 600,000 feet of sawn lumber board measure per day. A reader can get a fair idea of this quantity of lumber when he is told that its output is enough to build a little town of 40 houses, along with a good sized church and a school house every day.

This Company was quick to grasp the significance of the rapid depletion of timber resources. Last year it began a co-operative investigation in wood utilization with the United States Forest Service and arrangements have just been completed for a renewal of the experiments. The work will be along practical lines and will be aimed to secure a closer utilization of the products of the southern lumber mills.

To this end a careful study will be made to ascertain the amount and value of the products sawed from trees of different sizes and just how each can be best utilized so as to secure greatest economy and profit. For example, can a tree eight inches in diameter be best utilized for ties or for flooring; and how will the profits compare if treated with those sold untreated.

Frenzied Thoughts.

"Buy or boost" is the slogan of prosperity, and no man is so poor that he cannot do one of them.

It is wonderful to think that surgical science is making it possible for a man with an unsatisfactory liver to trade it off for a better one.

While attempting to "scare" his youthful fiancée, an Alabama youth killed himself with a pistol he was comically flourishing at the moment. It was a narrow escape for the girl, in several respects, it appears.

While former Prohibition candidate Chafin is engaged in his loyal task of cleaning out the White House cellar, it might be well for him to inspect the foundations and see if they are strong enough to bear the added strain that will come upon them after March 4.

The Kaiser will continue to reign because he has agreed not to govern. His majesty is credited with the philosophical remark that if you are going to be an emperor you must dress the part and you must not play the part for all its worth. But he will not hereafter work the part for all it is worth.

### Married 59 Years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mitchell, of Portland, after a visit with his folks here went up to Mill City for a visit with her folks. Mr. Mitchell's parents, now 89 and 84 years of age, on January 1st will celebrate the 59th anniversary of their marriage, a record not often made. Mr. E. L. Mitchell has been employed by the Warren Construction Co. for four or five years, having a good position.

### Annual Horticultural Meeting.

A meeting of the Linn County Horticultural Society will be held on next Wednesday, Dec. 30, when the annual election of officers will be held. The most important business will be a talk about fruit and other products for the new cannery being built, which will soon be ready for business. On this account particularly there should be a large attendance.

### Geo. P. Warner, of Scio, is visiting his three Albany daughters.

Bert and Harry Mice, of Portland, are visiting at the home of their parents.

D. H. Flescher, of the famous Wenatchee Valley is visiting friends here.

Clyde Fox, of Portland, is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Con Sullivan.

Councilman S. A. Dawson went to Eugene this afternoon on a business trip.

Mr. Talbert J. Gibbons, of Condon is in the city the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Miller.

Mrs. Will Rader, of Portland, is visiting at the home of her father, J. G. Crawford.

J. F. Troutman came up from Portland last evening for a holiday visit in Albany.

Lillian McElroy Luckey, sgt. Lester A. Luckey is the title of a Eugene divorce suit. Charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

### At the Catholic church Christmas morning there were special services of an interesting order, with a good attendance, a choice musical program being rendered.

At the Masonic temple there were special services, with D. P. Mason of this city as conductor, the program published being carried out. Headed by Prof. Horner, of the O. A. C., about thirty Corvallis people came over and enjoyed the program with the members of the Albany lodge, besides helping to furnish some excellent music for the occasion, the male quartet becoming quite popular.

### The stores of the city were generally closed during the day, quiet, spent generally in family gatherings and socially.

At Mr. McCullough's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCullough, of Portland, and Mr. Raymond McCullough who has been residing at Lucerne, Wash., but who expects to live at Hal-sey soon, spent Christmas at the home of their father, J. A. McCullough. Mr. Raymond McCullough brought with him the skin of a Rokey mountain goat, not often seen, which he got near Lucerne. Mr. Chas. McCullough with Tulle & Gibbs for a number of years, has been promoted to manager of the furniture department of their large store.

**PATENTS**

PROCESSED AND DEFENDED. Send model, drawing or photo for expert search and free report. Free advice, how to obtain patents, trade marks, copyrights, etc., IN ALL COUNTRIES. Business direct with Washington office time, money and often the patent.

Patent and Infringement Practice Exclusively. Write or come to us at 523 Ninth Street, opp. United States Patent Office, WASHINGTON, D. C.

**CASNOW**

## C. H. NEWS

The county court last evening agreed upon a 12 mill tax levy, which will include 1 1/2 mills for special road work, which includes Albany, and 1 1/2 mills for general road work, 3 mills in all, and half a mill for the high schools.

Deeds Recorded:—  
D. C. Holt to Frank Dempsey 58-68 a \$ 1  
Frank P. Drinkard & wf to J. M. Russell 150 a 1000  
Vilos Phillipi to Stephen Phillipi 320 a 10000  
John Dickinson to Wm. M. Reid 160 a 1  
O. E. Pomeroy to H. C. Miller lots Scio 800  
Anna Yantis to R. W. Stanton 1/2 acre Lebanon 550

Marriage licenses:—Daniel W. Hershberg, Hubbard, and Rachel Burck, Albany. John F. Zeller and Rita Furnish, of Albany.

Circuit Court. New suit:—Grace L. Drinkard agt. Bruce Drinkard for divorce. Marriage Oct. 1906. Charges cruel and inhuman treatment, calling names, false accusations, etc. They have one child. \$15 a month is asked, and plaintiff wants maiden name, Grace L. Widmer, restored.

A 20 mill school tax is reported from Dist. 96, the highest in the county.

## CHRISTMAS TRIPS

### A few made by Albany People.

The Democrat man Christmas morning took the kyars and made his annual Christmas pilgrimage to Portland, spending a few hours sloppily, seeing Louis James in Peer Gynt, a great dramatic affair, but glad to get out before the end and take the local for home.

On the same train a live crowd of Baptist young ladies, Miss Carrie Murray's class in S. S., went down with Miss Anna Baker to Turner, for a Christmas dinner at the home of her folks. They were: Miss Murry, Miss Baker, and Misses Mae McDonad, Minnie Scott, Nellie Carter, Verna Kelly, Lucinda Albers, Allie Worrell, Mabel Zeh and Alma Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winkley, of Corvallis, got off at Millers for Christmas at the Winkley home.

Postmaster Van Winkle and family had their annual Christmas dinner at Mr. Van Winkle's father's in Salem, formerly in Hal-sey.

W. C. Gildow and family went to Silverton, where both of their folks reside for a Christmas visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Vard Littler went to Portland to the Robinson home for turkey.

Miss Ollie Landis returned to her home at Hillsboro, taking the Oregon Electric at Salem.

Sam N. Clevenger went to Portland for a visit with his daughter.

Prof. Straub, thirty years a teacher in the U. O., went to Milwaukee to join his wife for a holiday visit, a pleasant seat companion of the Democrat man.

Miss Barbara Riesen went to Portland for an all-day Christmas visit.

## CHRISTMAS DOINGS.

The Christmas eve services at the different churches of the city were of a pleasing order as usual, the programs in keeping with the season, too long to publish in full in the Democrat, which does not wish to give one without giving all.

Besides receiving at the M. E. church the children also gave and there was a splendid lot of things for the boys and girls home of Portland, in which Albany people generally contributed.

At the Catholic church Christmas morning there were special services of an interesting order, with a good attendance, a choice musical program being rendered.

At the Masonic temple there were special services, with D. P. Mason of this city as conductor, the program published being carried out. Headed by Prof. Horner, of the O. A. C., about thirty Corvallis people came over and enjoyed the program with the members of the Albany lodge, besides helping to furnish some excellent music for the occasion, the male quartet becoming quite popular.

The stores of the city were generally closed during the day, quiet, spent generally in family gatherings and socially.

### At Mr. McCullough's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCullough, of Portland, and Mr. Raymond McCullough who has been residing at Lucerne, Wash., but who expects to live at Hal-sey soon, spent Christmas at the home of their father, J. A. McCullough. Mr. Raymond McCullough brought with him the skin of a Rokey mountain goat, not often seen, which he got near Lucerne. Mr. Chas. McCullough with Tulle & Gibbs for a number of years, has been promoted to manager of the furniture department of their large store.

Electric Fixtures  
Electric Fixtures  
Electric Fixtures  
All Prices  
All Prices  
All Prices  
Ralston Electric Supply Co.

### MISFITS.

Now for a high school building.

A merry Christmas to old and young.

Poor little Venezuela now wants to be good.

Plenty of money around to buy Christmas presents, according to appearances.

The dancer has to pay for the fiddler, and sometimes the person who does not dance.

The average man isn't worth a whoop when it comes to selecting Christmas presents.

Some of the professional grafters need a few years in jail. A suggestion for Pittsburg.

The city has to have a new school building that is all. It won't be long before we have to have several more.

Standard Oil is being driven out of Missouri according to the papers. Don't you think it. Standard Oil will pour into the state in some guise.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison who defied the law, and have been sentenced to jail, are not the only men around who defy the law. Every city has them.

### News From Albany's Six Early Trains.

Superintendent Jackson went to Portland to meet with a committee of school superintendents, to consider some proposed legislation needed in Oregon. Among other things high schools and apportionment of funds will be prominent topics to be looked after.

E. C. Peery, druggist, of Scio, returned home after a visit with his sister, Mrs. Jackson and brother Willis Peery.

C. H. Burggraf went to Portland on architectural business.

Rhoda Stahnker returned from a Brownsville visit.

George Prichard, now of Portland, who is visiting here returned from a trip to Brownsville.

Mrs. George Lewis, Portland, went to Munkers for a visit with relatives.

L. J. Mershon went to Troutdale, his former home, for a holiday visit.

Dr. J. C. Booth, wife and daughter, went to Portland for a holiday visit.

Prof. J. B. Horner went to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Galbraith, of Salem, returned from a visit at Tangent, where they had their Christmas dinner.

Rev. M. C. Wire came in on the local. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thompson returned from Hal-sey, where they ate Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong's.

Prof. H. L. Hopkins came down from Eugene to join the college party for the Newport trip.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coon returned from a trip up the Springfield road.

### C. and E. Time Table.

Effective Thursday, October 1st, a new time card will go into effect on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, as follows:

Through trains—6:45 a. m. leave Yaquma; arrive at Albany 11:58 a. m. Leave Albany 12:38 p. m. arrive Yaquma 6:15.

Corvallis Local—6:30 a. m. leave Corvallis daily; 2:15 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 6:00 p. m. daily.

7:55 a. m. leave Albany daily; 3:35 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 7:50 p. m. daily. JNO. J. SHEA, Agent. Phone Red 71, Home phone 8.

### The Weather.

Range of temperature 48-34. Rainfall was .68 inch. The river is 5.4 feet, a fine boating stage.

Prediction: occasional rain tonight and Sunday.

**"SHRIMP"**

YOU AS WELL AS EVERY OTHER UP-TO-DATE BUSINESS MAN OR WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ONE.

It is an "Ink Pencil" of the "Beacon" family, three inches long when closed, suitable length for vest pocket or ladies' purse—and is finely made of red polished vulcanite. It is fitted with a platinum-iridium point and an adjustable needle arranged on a silver yoke and gold spring. This prevents all possibility of leaking when upside down or in any other position. Lasts forever, suits any handwriting, and does away entirely with a lead pencil and its necessary sharpening.

Price, \$1.50. FOR SALE BY

**F. M. FRENH**  
The Jeweler.

It's EASY

**PAINT**

Painting is not so hard if you get the right paint. The varnish you put on a floor is not good for other woodwork; paint for the porch is not always right for a chair. All this has been made easy by the

**ACME QUALITY**

mark which directs you to the perfect paint for every purpose. That is why we sell "Acme Quality" paint, enamel, stain, varnish. It enables us to give you exactly the right paint for your needs.

"The Selection and Use of Paints and Finishes" is a book that makes the work easier by explaining how to paint anything. Yours free when you purchase.

Ohling & Taylor

THE ACME QUALITY KIND

PAINTS ENAMELS STAINS VARNISHES

**SUNSET**

Sunset Magazine offers the readers of this paper the best opportunity of the year

REVIEW OF REVIEWS \$3.00 ALL FOR  
SUNSET MAGAZINE 1.50  
WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION 1.25 \$3.00  
AND FREE with your order, a beautiful premium, a 75-page book illustrated in four colors with 125 Western views.

**SUNSET MAGAZINE**  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

**A GREAT RAZOR SALE**  
of \$2.50 & \$3.00 IMPORTED RAZORS FOR 97c

This Week Only

Full Hollow Ground and Set Ready For Use

1,000 Fine Imported Razors will be placed on sale at 97c each. These razors are from one of the leading importers of razors in the United States, The M. L. Brandt Cutlery Co., of New York. They are all high grade samples. We secured a big stock at a ridiculous figure. The assortment comprises all the well-known makes, including the "Wade & Butcher," "Brandt," "K. L.," "Rogers," "Wostenholm," "Pipe Razor," "Ben-Hur," "Lewis," "Blue Steel," popular brands of all the famous makers. In fact, we have been selling the same identical razors as high as \$2.50 and \$3.00 each. Every razor is guaranteed perfect and set ready for use. Any razor sold that does not give perfect satisfaction can be exchanged. We call special attention to the BRANDT RAZOR. This razor is tempered by a secret process assuring a uniformity of temper, and is fully guaranteed. Regular price \$2.50; our price is 97c each.

WE WILL ALSO PLACE ON SALE 1000 of the Genuine Brandt Self-Honing Razor Stropps

These Stropps are sold and advertised everywhere at \$2.

**OUR PRICE 97c EACH**

The Brandt Self-Honing Razor Stropps is the best razor stropp on the market to-day. The only razor stropp in the world that hones and stropps your razor at the same time and enables you to obtain an edge which only an experienced barber can give. The Brandt Self-Honing Razor Stropps will put a keener edge on a razor with fewer strokes than any other razor stropp. Your razor will show, and your face will feel the difference at once. Guaranteed never to become hard or glossy. Special attention given to mail orders.

## The Woodworth Drug Co.

Go to EASTBURN'S GROCERY

for fresh Fruits and Vegetables. Our Grocery stock is as fresh and complete as any in the city.

Allen and Lewis Preferred Stock cannot match a specialty. BARCAINS n Crocker and Glassware as we intend to close out that department. Come and get our prices and see our clean up-to-date store.

Both phones Main 56.

**Newest and Best Designs**

—IN—

Diningroom Domes, Electroliers, Library Lamps.

A large assortment to choose from. Prices to suit anyone.

**Ralston Electric Supply Co.**  
306 West Second Street.