

POOR PAPA



It's nearing Christmas, don't you see, So I suppose it's up to me To dig down deep like all babies, And in return get bum cigars.

DECLARE "XMAS" IS PROPER

Milwaukee (Wis.) Clergymen Say Abbreviation Has Origin in Greek Spelling of "Christ."

Use of the word Xmas in abbreviation of Christmas is not irreverent or sacrilegious, but is of ancient and classical origin.

"This was the consensus of opinion expressed by representative clergy of a number of denominations throughout the city, says the Milwaukee Sentinel.

The letter "X" as used in connection with the word Xmas to express Christmas is the first letter in the Greek name for Christ, which in English letters is spelled "Xristos," explained Rev. Herbert C. Noonan, S. J., president of Marquette university. "Because of this, the letter 'X' long has been a symbol for Christ, and has been used as such for generations since the Christian era.

"An illustration of the common use of the term is the custom, still prevalent among some men, of signing letters 'Yours in Xto,' in this case the 'to' following the letter being the Latin ending of the name of Christ."

A similar opinion was expressed by Rev. R. S. Donaldson, pastor of Perseverance Presbyterian church.

"I know many ministers who use the letter 'X' to express Christ in writing their sermons," he said. "The custom is of ancient and honorable origin."

"It is a quite common practice among theological students to use the letter in preference to the full name," declared Rev. E. Reginald Williams, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church. "I always write it that way myself."

Rev. W. T. Dorward, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, declared that he did not consider the term irreverent, but personally preferred the use of the full word.

When Christmas Comes

When Christmas comes, I never mind the cold, I like to get up prompt an' go to school, An' do my sums, An' clean the walks 'thout waitin' to be told—

Though I like sleddin' better, as a rule, Or buildin' forts— But nothin' ain't so bad, When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes, I'd just as lief give half My cookie to the baby, an' take care About the crumbs.

It's fun to make the little fellow laugh, An' I don't mind his taggin' ev'rywhere He can't help bein' little! I'm not mad When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes, I don't forget to give My shoes a wipe, an' scrub my ears a lot Till my head hums.

An' mother says, "That boy's too good to live!" But I'm not 'fraid of dyin', 'cause I'm not No different from always—only glad When Christmas comes!

—Abigail Williams Burton.

Christmas Bells.

There are some festivals, like birthdays, for example, which affect a single family; others, like national holidays, embrace the nation; and some there are which girdle the entire globe. But Christmas Day lifts at one leap a line of connection between earth and heaven. If there be one day on earth on which above another the gates of heaven are more widely opened, it is the day when joy bells ring in memory of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. This is the day of the Christmas bells!—Bishop Vincent.

No Apology Needed.

Never apologize for a Christmas gift. Never say it is cheaper than what you would have liked to give, or not as pretty as you thought it, or anything of the sort. A Christmas gift is supposed to be an expression of good will. If there is kindness enough back of the giving, no apology is necessary.

RAILROAD TIME CARD

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

North Bound
No. 28, 10:26 a. m. (on flag.)
No. 18, 2:19 p. m.
No. 14, 8:58 p. m. (on flag.)
No. 16, 7:53 a. m. on flag.

South Bound
No. 15, 9:50 a. m.
No. 17, 3:01 p. m.
No. 27, 4:56 p. m. (on flag.)

MARKET REPORT

Egg per dozen, 65-
Butter, 2-lb. roll \$1.10
Spring Broilers 25c
Ducks, 18c to 20c
Turkeys, old, 25c
Jeese 15c
Old Roosters, 14c
Hens, 25c
Beans 7c to 8c
Cascara, 13c
Lard, 30c
Wool, 60
Mohair 45c
Potatoes, \$1.50

Town Topics

Thos. Paige was a business visitor in Portland this week.

Fred Bents of Fargo was transacting business here Monday.

H. L. Bents was among the Aurora people in Portland on business Monday.

John Stauffer and sister were among those shopping at the Aurora stores Tuesday.

C. E. Hilton was among the Clackamas county farmers here on business Tuesday.

Elmer and William Fry and their sister Miss Fry were in town shopping Tuesday.

Dell Yergen and Louis Racette were among the Butteville people transacting business here Tuesday.

LOST—Small, dehorned Jersey cow, branded with "goose brand" on left hip. J. Thomsen, Aurora, R. 4.

Godfrey Dentel and Mrs. Wm. Dentel and Mrs. Chas. Radcliff were in the city this week from East Butteville.

Mrs. W. W. Irvin and Wilbur Wurster were guests of honor at a birthday dinner party Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wurster.

Gentlemen's new union suit was lost Nov. 16 between Giesy's store at Aurora and Barlow. Please return to Giesy's store and receive reward. (38-2t).

The State of Oregon will this year fix its tax levy at a rate necessary to raise over \$3,000,000. This includes the 6 per cent increase allowed by law over the amount raised last year.

FOR SALE—Two mares and two six months old colts. Make me an offer. Can be seen at Joe Grahams' pasture, river road between Wilsonville and Butteville. Margaret Dolsen, General Delivery, Portland.

Mrs. Johanneson who has been teaching the intermediate grades of the Aurora school has resigned, and Mrs. Clara Atkinson is substituting until the board can secure a teacher. Mrs. Johanneson is reported as not being in good health.

The names of the following contributors to the United War Work fund were not published last week. E. E. Bradt \$5.00, S. H. Southard \$10.00. Contributions from some of the lodges have not yet been received as there has been as yet no meeting to decide upon the amounts.

MERIDIAN

Elmer Deetz is the recent purchaser of a truck.

A. J. Lais is moving his saw mill machinery to a new location above Molalla.

Mr. Gardner is shipping his onions, potatoes and beans which he has sold in Portland.

Frank Campau, who is at home this week, has just shipped two cars of stove bolts from southeast of Needy.

George Taylor has rented a house in Barlow and Albert Pratt has moved Mr. Taylors household goods for him.

Travler Gardner has been home for a few days. He expects to begin his work as a wireless operator on some vessel sailing to some foreign Pacific Port.

Chris Trost, Jr., has been putting in his grain, and he hopes to have the aid of his brother William Trost soon, who is expected home from the army at an early date.

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"Soldier Letters"

John Dominique, who is well known in the Needy and Molalla country, and who used to draw cartoons for the Observer a few years ago, is now located at Camp Meade, Maryland. A recent letter from him says, "I don't know if we will go across now (Nov. 22) or not. If it had not been for the 'flu' we would certainly have been there before now. A large number of our men died of it at Fort Leavenworth (Kansas), but I was fortunate enough to escape it. Peace looks mighty good to everyone, but to those who have been waiting and training for a chance to play the big game, it is somewhat of a disappointment. But we will reserve our energies for those boys who did go, and when they come back we will give them the welcome they deserve."

HOPS 26 CENTS

What is believed to have been the largest sale of hops made in California in many years, perhaps since hops first were grown here, was made this week C. P. Donovan of Santa Rosa buying 2190 bales of hops for 25 cents a pound from local growers.

The sale amounted to \$108,000. Hops, which two months ago were offered at 10 cents a pound with few buyers available, today are at a high figure because of European demand.

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JUDGE BINGHAM COMMENDED

Judge George G. Bingham has laid down the requirement that when a married man is a candidate for citizenship, that his wife must take instruction in the essential requirements for citizenship. That rule has been strongly approved by the bureau of naturalization, and will probably be incorporated into the Federal law concerning naturalization. It is also hoped that alien men, women and children should be required to take out their papers separately. The naturalization of wife and children through the naturalization of the father is a relic of the old order of things that is no advantage to either the government or the ones naturalized.

The chief naturalization examiner has written Judge Bingham as follows:

"The practice entered into by Judge Bingham is one to be commended and put into practice wherever possible. Please advise him that the bureau heartily commends his order and state to him that it is not believed it should be modified so as to lessen its force and good effect upon the administration of the naturalization law, which he undoubtedly intends it to have."

WHO WERE THE TIGHTWADS?

Solicitors for the United War Work fund had all sorts of experiences working the state capitol building. One of the solicitors said that of all the large offices, that of the secretary of state responded on an average most generously. In one office were three appointees, one man pulling down \$150 a month, another \$175 monthly and the third on the state's payroll at \$3500 a year. Yet from these three men the total sum of \$10 was given for the United War Work fund.—Salem Journal.

NYAL AGENCY

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AURORA DRUG STORE

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MAGAZINE PRICES

The Observer will take subscriptions to the following magazines and periodicals at the rates given, but all prices are subject to change without notice.

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| American Boy | \$ 1.50 |
| (After Nov. 1, \$2.00) | |
| Boy's Magazine | 1.50 |
| Boy's World | .60 |
| Collier's Weekly | 2.50 |
| Cosmopolitan | 2.00 |
| Delineator | 1.50 |
| (After Dec. 15, \$2.00) | |
| Delineator, 2 years | 3.00 |
| (After Dec. 15, \$4.00) | |
| Designer | 1.00 |
| (After Dec. 15, \$1.50) | |
| Girls Companion | .50 |
| Good Housekeeping | 1.50 |
| Harper's Bazaar | 3.00 |
| McClure's Magazine, 2 yrs. | 3.00 |
| McCall's Magazine | 1.00 |
| Modern Priscilla | 1.50 |
| Mother's Magazine | 2.00 |
| Pictorial Review | 2.00 |

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| Pictorial Review, 2 yrs. | 3.00 |
| Popular Mechanics | 2.00 |
| Review of Reviews | 3.00 |
| Today's Housewife | .75 |
| Today's Housewife, 2 yrs. | 1.25 |
| Woman's Home Companion | 2.00 |
| Woman's Home Companion, 2 yrs | 3.00 |

We can furnish any magazine or periodical at special prices that will save you money—if you are a subscriber to the Observer. In addition we save you the trouble of sending in subscriptions. Ask us for prices on any publication you want.

Chas. Kraxberger was in town from Macksburg Monday on business.

E. M. HURST

Always in the market for old Copper, Lead, Zinc, Iron, Brass, Old Newspapers and Magazines (neatly folded), second hand sacks, and junk of all kinds.
AURORA OREGON

For a Christmas Gift

For some friend or relative in some other town, country or state, there is no more appropriate gift than your local paper, to tell them of the life and activities of the community in which you live. Send these distant friends the Aurora Observer for a year as your Christmas remembrance. It will be like a letter from you 52 times a year—a Christmas Gift that will remind your friends of you every week. They will read it with interest, because they are interested in anything that concerns you.

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