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Christmas not being more than fourteen rods off and rapidly coming in this direction, it is incumbent on everybody to get a hustle on and attend to his holiday shopping without further delay.

Early Christmas shopping will be appreciated by the merchants and the clerks. The store windows have begun to take on a holiday aspect and will grow in holiday appearance as the day approaches. Early buying can be conducted leisurely and with more satisfaction both to the purchaser and the merchant. So make it satisfactory all around by shopping early.

It is strange to contemplate the great variety of forms the Santa Claus custom assumes in different countries. In Belgium the little ones fill their shoes with carrots and oats and hay for the white horse St. Nicholas is supposed to drive.

Very early in the morning they run to the room in which their shoes have been left and find that the provender has gone and in its place candies are found.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a communication from the pen of G. L. Sutherland. The News knows little about Mr. Sutherland's family affairs, and cares less, but we do know that as a rule, the more people air their dirty linen for the public gaze and seek to divert attention from themselves by heaping vituperation upon another the less their cause is helped. Mr. Sutherland imposes on the News to the extent of about a column, in order to answer an article of nine lines. However, we will let that pass this time, but if he feels himself bursting with any more literary effort, we will be forced as a matter of self protection, to charge him space rates for further communications.

Mt. Pleasant Briefs.

Mrs. M. F. Ryan and daughters Marguerite and Angeline were guests at the Lee Downing home Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Townes spent Monday with Mrs. Fax Thayer.

The little daughter of Lee Downing has been quite sick the last week but is slowly improving now.

Mrs. T. Nadstaneck of Salem is visiting with her sister Mrs. H. Shank.

Mrs. Leslie Towns spent Tuesday afternoon with her aunt Mrs. W. R. Ray.

Mrs. H. Shank and daughter Grace were Stayton visitors Friday.

Miss Marguerite Ryan went to Albany Saturday with her sister and brother Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haberman of Munkers to do some shopping.

Willie Ryan was trading in Stayton Saturday.

R. Herald and family of King-

ston visited at the Lee Downing home Sunday.

Misses Grace Shank, Ethel Smith and Marguerite Ryan called at the John Huber home Thursday for the purpose of making out the Christmas program which will be given at the Mt. Pleasant church Christmas eve.

D. Townes and wife were trading with Stayton merchants Tuesday.

Mrs. M. F. Ryan and daughter Marguerite were visitors at the school Friday, when a small program was tendered.

Willie Ryan, David Aegerter and Elmer Ray attended the program at the Cole school and report a fine time.

M. F. Ryan went to Centralia, Wash. Tuesday on a matter of business connected with the death of his brother, who was killed by accident in a lumber mill at a few weeks ago.

Warning!

All persons that are in the habit of turning their stock on the streets at night may expect to find them in the city round the next morning. Bring along 50c.—J. N. Weddle, City Marshal.

A dance will be given at the Crabtree T. J. S. hall on Saturday evening, December 27. Lunch will be served at midnight. Everybody invited. 2c

Remember the subscription price of the News will be \$1.25 after January 1.

The News will go to press on Wednesday next week in that the printers may enjoy a holiday on Christmas.

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SUTHERLAND STATES HIS POSITION.

To the Editor of the Santiam News.
Dear Sir:—

In your issue of the News of December 4, 1913, under the heading of Santiam Farm Topics by S. W. Gaines, you published a statement from Mr. Gaines relative to myself. Will you please publish my reply to Mr. Gaines?

Mr. Gaines said: "G. L. Sutherland became somewhat enraged a few days ago at his wife and her children, cutting off all phone communication with his friends and neighbors, packed up his trunk and hit the high places for parts unknown with his mind full of spite enough to bust a brass cannon, leaving one among the best women in this section."

In the first place, Mr. Gaines, my wife was not at home when I left. She and the little girls being in Aumsville from November 19 to Nov. 30. Then prior to that she was there from Oct. 8 to the 20th, then twice between Oct. 20 and Nov. 19. In all this she was neglecting her home duties. Mr. Gaines, I know and you do not. I hardly think it my place to furnish a nurse for a man who is able to hire one, and who has two grown daughters and two daughters-in-law living there, and my own home and its duties being neglected.

I did pack my trunk thinking of taking it to Stayton for a while as I am working for The Mantle Lamp Co. of America, and they wanted me to work in that part which made it inconvenient for me to come home for a change of clothes.

I would like to know, Mr. Gaines, what you know about my family affairs anyway. What are you poking your nose into it for? You ought to remember that the wag of your tongue in years gone by cost you something over three thousand dollars, besides signing a paper that your word was not reliable, if I have been informed correctly. Might I not say that you left a good woman when you left Mrs. Graham, your former wife. Might I not say you was filled with spite enough to bust a brass cannon when you fired your present wife's son away from your place recently.—"People living in glass houses ought not to throw stones."—The only way you can possibly know about our family conditions, or anyone else, is to come and assume my relation to it. I can look over what I term a gross insult from you, when I read your communications from time to time in the News. No one can read such bright gems of expression and deep and profound depths of thought, but what feels no doubt that they ought to be eternally preserved in the nation's archives.

Those who are beneath me can't hurt me. Those who are above me won't. If Etta and I can't settle our little difficulties, I assure you, Mr. Gaines, we need no help from some of our pretended friends who are striving hard to enter into it.—Please pass me by Mr. Gaines, without recognition as your superior.

As you wrote your little dirty squib from hearsay, why did you not add more to it. That Mrs. S. steals her neighbors turkey eggs and that I am a house breaker, broke into a neighbor's house some years ago, by the name of Higgins, and stole a lot of furniture and a load of lumber from a near by neighbor. When our last child was born, what a cursing the attending physician gave me for neglecting my wife,—you should have added all this in your brilliant communications to the News as hearsay evidence.

I have no desire to conceal the fact that things are not as pleasant in my home as I would like them to be, but I want you to understand, Mr. Gaines, that you absolutely know nothing about it, and want you not to mention my name any more in your silly communications. If you ever had a noble thought I have failed as yet to get it.

I am reminded of a little broken poem that you might read with some degree of information and fact: There was a family row a brewing out on hungry hill. The women's tongues were wagging, the men could hardly keep still. Along came old Aunt Hannah with some very wise advice. And dear old aunt Lizzie too, she must have a slice. Uncle George, the Captain, wishing to see the fun, got uncle John quite interested, who came upon the run. So this family row got boiling, indeed got awful hot until all the neighbors helping, added fuel to the pot. At last the home was broken, the people gave a yell satisfied what they had done to make this home a hell.

Mr. Gaines I will soon be at home again, just as soon as I can deliver the goods sold, to look after and care for the home, and you and some others who are taking an active part in my home affairs, will oblige me greatly by staying away from it altogether.

Dec. 12, '13 G. L. SUTHERLAND

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