

# We Are Distributors For PURE WHITE AND OLYMPIC FLOUR

In Heppner and Surrounding Territory

## The Farmers Elevator Company

Extend Greetings of the Season to their friends and customers and well wishes for the coming year. We have appreciated your patronage in the past and trust that our future relations may prove of mutual benefit.

We Do A General Forwarding Business

### Bobby's Christmas Eve Dream



### Some Legends of Christmas Celebrations

THE original "halcyon days" were at Christmas, and were so-called because the halcyon, an ancient name for the kingfisher, was said to build its nest upon the waters at this time of year. It was generally supposed that this bird, through the influence of the holy season, had the power to still the waves and winds, so that the weather was peaceful and calm, and enabled the halcyon to lay her eggs in her floating nest and brood upon them with perfect safety.

In olden times it was believed that all nature testified in various ways to a recognition of the great event commemorated in the celebration of Christmas. The winds and seas, as well as the animals and plants and all other living things, gave evidence of knowledge of the approaching glorious anniversary and became imbued with the prevalent spirit of adoration, joy and peace.

Tradition tells us that at the moment of the Savior's birth a universal peace reigned throughout the earth,

that a deep silence rested upon the world, the birds stopped in their flight, the cattle ceased to feed, men became motionless with sudden awe in the midst of their labors, and the stars glittered with added luster. From this tradition came the superstitions of the middle ages relating to the miraculous phenomena supposed to occur annually at Christmas, many of which still survive.

Bells, too, have their legends. In a village near Raleigh, in Nottinghamshire, England, there is now a valley where once there was a picturesque and prosperous village, but an earthquake swallowed it up; yet every Christmas since, the bells of the buried church are heard chiming.

Similar tales are told of Preston, in Lancashire, and Been, in the Netherlands. This latter city was famed for its beauty and magnificence, and also for the sins and avarice of its inhabitants. On the anniversary of his birth, the Saviour came as a beggar and went from door to door; but, although Christmas festivities were being kept up, nobody would give him alms. Sin was abundant on all sides, but there were no Christmas goodwill and charity, and he called to the sea and it came and completely covered the unholy city of Been. But at Christmas time even now comes the joyous pealing of bells from under the water.

### SUFFERED FOR OTHER'S SIN

Pathetic Story Told as an Example of the Peril That Lies in Inefficiency.

A. R. Hawley, president of the Aero club, told in New York the other day an inefficiency story.

"Beware the inefficient man," he said, "for if you have dealings with him it is you, not he, that will suffer from his inefficiency."

"A foreigner in outlandish garb claiming to be an Armenian came here to solicit funds last year for his compatriots. It happened that another Armenian was arrested at the time, and the first chap was asked to go to court and act as his interpreter.

"Well, he reluctantly consented to act, though the truth was that he knew no Armenian whatever. Anyhow he stalked into the courtroom, listened in grave silence to the prisoner's passionate protestations of innocence, and then turned to the judge and said with a bow:

"Your honor, my compatriot has confessed all. He begs you, however, to be lenient for suffering Armenia's sake."

"The judge thanked the interpreter warmly for his services, and then sentenced the innocent prisoner to five years' hard labor."

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year  
to our friends and patrons.

The Old Reliable Stand  
**The Oregon Garage**

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### Greetings

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to my patrons for their very valuable business the past year and extend to each and all

A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Bowers, the Shoe Man