

**HOSPITAL NEWS**

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Volney Williams, Heppner, an 8 lb. 6 1/2 oz. boy born Dec. 17, named Roger Wayne. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindhorst, Heppner, a 4 lb. 15 oz. boy born Dec. 15, named Larry Kevin. To Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Cossitt, Heppner, a 5 lb. 13 oz. boy born Dec. 17, named Timothy Hopkins.

Medical—Gus Janssen, Ione, dismissed; Robert Ferrel, Kinzua, dismissed; Michael Hartin, Heppner, dismissed; Joseph Hughes, Heppner; Glenn Parsons, Condon; Joyce Butler, Condon; Lloyd Shelton, Kinzua; Margaret Car-tee, Kinzua.

Minor Surgery—Joseph Adams, Heppner.

Major Surgery—John Kuchler, Jr., Condon, dismissed.

Pvt. Ralph Marlatt who has been stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, will arrive home Monday for the holidays.

**Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day**

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

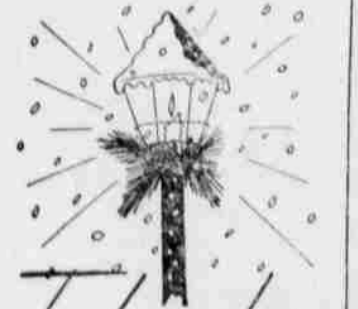
In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall, angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nikkolas." The best they could do was "Santa Kalout," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

Future writers may try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.



When we say "Thank You" for past favors it comes straight from the heart—may you have a Merry Christmas.

CLOSED FROM DEC. 25 UNTIL SAT. A. M., DEC. 29

ELLA'S GRILL

**Elgin and Knappa Add to Heppner's Basketball Losses**

By Jim Morris

**ELGIN**

Heppner high's hoopsters fell victim for the third time in a row Friday, December 14. Their conquerer was the Elgin Huskies by a score of 41-38. The game was a very exciting contest as it was a hard fought contest all the way.

The Huskies jumped to an early lead as they laced the twine for 3 field goals and dumped in two free throws for a 8-7 lead at the end of the first panel. The Mustangs came back strong in the second stanza to pot 9 points and take a 16-15 halftime lead.

After the half the Huskies steadily hacked at the Mustang's lead until they led 27-26 at the beginning of the last period. From here on the lead changed hands until late in the fourth period the Huskies gained a 5 point lead. The Mustangs weren't able to overcome this as they went down in defeat.

High scorer for the Mustangs was Ruhl with 13. High for Elgin was Miller with 15.

**KNAPPA**

The Knappa Loggers led by their big center Bob "Pudgy" Hunt, kept their victory string rolling as they downed Heppner's "missing" Mustangs, Saturday, December 15, by a score of 49-34. The loss was the fourth in a row for the Mustangs who were generally improved in their ball-handling, but weren't able to connect on their field goals as they missed 45 times from the field. It was commented that the Mustangs are improving rapidly and the season is still young.

The Mustangs fought the Loggers to a 10-8 first quarter score, but weren't able to keep up the pace as their defense faltered and their shots started to "avoid the bucket". This allowed the Loggers to build up a 23-10 advantage by halftime.

In the third period the Loggers caught on fire and dumped in 16 points to take their widest lead of the evening, 39-14. The never-quitting Mustangs poured in 20 points in the last quadrant in a last effort but the Knappa lead proved to be too great as they went on to victory.

High scorer for Heppner was Ruhl with 8. High for Knappa was Hunt with 23.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson returned Thursday from a trip to Portland.

**Party Decorations Booklet Available**

Party favors and decorations are best ice-breakers you can use to warm up your holiday entertaining. To help create ideas occasions, a new extension bulletin from Oregon State college is offered as a guide.

Called "Party Favors and Decorations," the bulletin shows how to transform strips of crepe paper and wire into artificial bouquets and corsages, Hawaiian leis, and petal-edged parasol favors.

The author, Ann Weigant, OSC's recreation specialist, provides the basic patterns for making baskets, place cards, shower motifs, and nutcups using inexpensive materials. Dolls with a dozen different faces can be made with wooden beads or balls of cotton, wire, cardboard and raffia crepe paper. Party hats that would pale the gayest New Year's eve chapeau can be made by following instructions in the bulletin.

Copies of the party idea book may be secured at county extension offices or from the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

**Justice And Municipal Courts**

Kathleen Bernice Anderson, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10 fine.

Vernon Prock, truck overload, \$54 fine.

Darlene May Padberg, no operator's license, \$10 fine.

E. F. Wallace, violation of basic rule, \$50 fine.

**Union Pacific Pays Biggest Tax Bill**

The sheriff's office last month received its largest single tax check when the Union Pacific Railroad company paid its Morrow county property taxes in the amount of \$71,718.43.

Other large taxpayers are Pacific Power and Light and the Morrow County Grain Growers.

**GONTYS ARE GRANDPARENTS**

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gonty of Renton, Washington are the parents of a 7 lb 1 1/2 oz. girl born December 18. She has been named Ramona Jean.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. George Leibrand, Boise, Idaho. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hemrich of Beaverton and Mrs. Ellen Wheeler of Medical Lake, Wash. and great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Leibrand of The Dalles.

**President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25**

Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of war the battlefronts are often quiet and serene, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25th, in 1868, that President Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an amnesty proclamation which did not exclude any persons or classes of persons—not even the highest officials of the Confeder-



acy. Previous amnesty proclamations, issued both by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

At the time, President Johnson expressed the belief that universal amnesty would tend to secure permanent peace, order, and prosperity throughout the country and would renew and restore respect for and attachment to the national government.

The proclamation pardoned all persons who participated directly or indirectly against the United States in the Civil War "with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Constitution and the laws which have also been made in pursuance thereof."

**NIGHT BEFORE XMAS**

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Drake have arrived home from Pacific University at Forest Grove, for the Christmas holidays.

**Local News In Brief**

Mrs. J. O. Hager left Thursday (today) by train for Chicago where she will spend the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Lt. Col and Mrs. Clayton Shaw and family.

Mrs. Velma Glass, Mrs. Howard Bryant and Mrs. Carl McDaniel and daughter were in Portland on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown will have as their guests over the Christmas holidays their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sterrett of Hermiston and Mr. Brown's sister, Zada Lang-kilde of Ukiah.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle are vacationing at Mesa, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble and family left today (Thursday) for a vacation in California and Mexico. They plan to return after the holidays.

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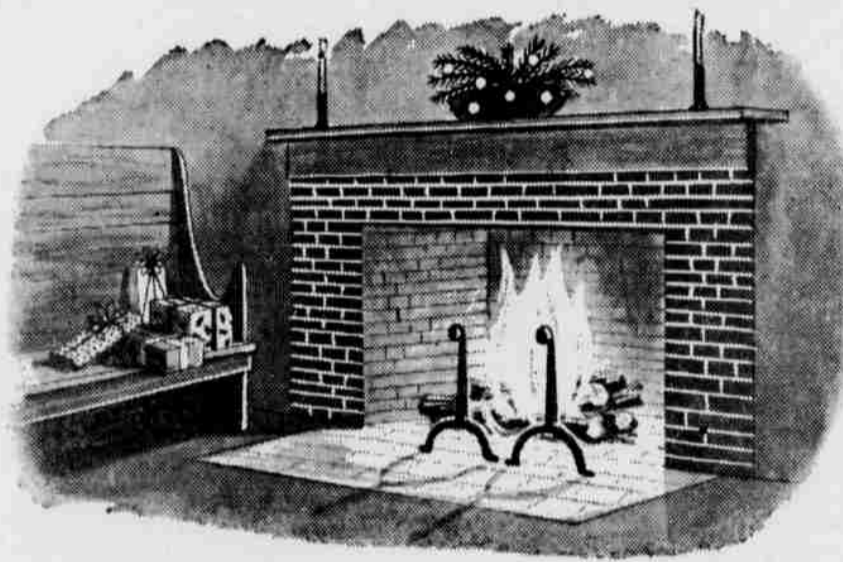
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**GREETINGS**



As warm as a Yule log on an embered hearth, as radiant as the lights on a Christmas tree; that is the kind of a Christmas we hope will be yours this season.

And may our friendship and association continue through many more happy years.

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