

A CHRISTMAS DANCE

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EVENIN', dah, Miss Mandy Jane!
See me comin' up de lane!
Speck you waitin' foh me.
Kin' o' late a-gittin' roun'—
Had to walk hyeah clean fom town—
But we'll be in time, Ah'm boun',
Do' hit's pu'tty sto'my.

TAKE ma ahm 'n' le's push on
'Cross lots, 'ca'se de time's done gone.
'N' we ought to be dah!
Chris'mas ain't de time to crawl
To er ole time country ball.
Frenchah may not lak it 't all,
But he'll sho' fine me dah.

LOOKEE you'ah! Dah's de light,
Up de road dah to de right!
Let de roads be smooove er rough,
Soon we'll j'ine de messah!
Snow, blow, drif'in' lak a bluff,
Cain't come col' er snow eruff
Foh to stop ouh pleasaah!

CO'SE Ah b'lebes in doin' right;
Goes to chu'ch o' Sunday night,
Speh'ly ef it's handy.
But seem lak Ah's gittin' so,
Ef it rain er snow er blow,
Don' keer ef Ah go er no—
Dis hyeah's diff'unt, Mandy.
—New York Mail and Express.

and wounded. However, there were oceans of wine, and the wineshops did a roaring trade.

For some time before Christmas the starving people had been feeding on cats, rats and dogs until by Dec. 25 a dish of cat's flesh was hardly obtainable. Dog was 60 cents a pound, and fine rats fetched 14 cents each. Many domestic pets were killed for food. "Poor Azor!" said a humorous citizen as he finished a stew made from his favorite dog. "How he would have enjoyed these bones!"

With true Parisian light heartedness the citizens tried to make the best of things, and the cafes and restaurants wore almost their normal aspect. At half past 10, however, an order of Trochu closed every shop and cafe, and by 11 o'clock Paris had gone to bed.

The midnight mass of Christmas eve was celebrated as usual in the churches, which were crowded with praying, weeping women. Newspapers appeared as usual, some of them containing glowing accounts of perfectly imaginary French successes. The satirical sheets were even more bitter and venomous than at other times and published scathing caricatures. Some showed the fallen emperor, Napoleon III, as a shoeblack at King William's boots, or as a beggar with his pockets turned inside out, or as a traitor handing over France to murderers, or as a thief making off with millions of the nation's money. Others depicted Julius Favre in tears and pocketing Bismarck's gold and Trochu handing over the keys of Paris to a Prussian in exchange for a bag of coin. In all the idea of Parisians that France had been betrayed by those who ought to have protected her was prevalent.

So at this season of peace and good will suffering Paris was nearly at her last gasp. Owing to the tenacity of her rulers and citizens, however, her agony was to be prolonged for some weeks longer, as it was not until February that the negotiations for a capitulation began.

The Appreciative Subscriber.

This letter, which was received by a western editor, according to a writer in the Detroit Tribune, is an example of that spirit of getting something for nothing which animates many persons:

"Please send me a few copies of the paper which had the obituary and verses about the death of my child a week or so ago; also publish the enclosed clipping about my niece's marriage. And I wish you would mention in your local columns, if it don't cost anything, that I have a couple of bull knives to sell. Send me a couple copies of the paper this week. As my subscription is out, please stop my paper. Times are too hard to waste money on a newspaper."

Dachshund's Pedigree.
"Has your dachshund a pedigree?"
"Pedigree? Look at him! It makes him sag to carry it."

Wonder Store's Space

The Mail Tribune ad man has been in every day for an ad., but we have been too busy to fix it up in the usual style, so we will simply have to tell our readers that we have enough



Dolls Dolls Dolls

to supply one to every little girl in Medford and surrounding county, and toys enough to supply all the boys and girls.

Books for every boy and girl from 4 to 80 years old. Wood to burn and burnt wood articles, fancy china and standard dinner sets, finest of writing papers in beautiful Christmas boxes, jewelry at popular prices; doll cabs; and if the strikers on the N. P. R. R. will allow our tree ornaments to reach us, we will show you the swellest line of tree ornaments in Oregon.

Christmas Cards, Christmas Booklets:

- 50c standard boys' and girls' books 25c
- \$1.25 standard books, half leather binding 50c
- \$2.50 poets in neat box \$1.50
- Boys' Henty books, publisher's price 75c; our price 25c

The Wonder Store

318 West Main St.,

Medford

THE TERROR'S CHRISTMAS.

Turkeys Were \$17 Each During the Siege of Paris.

When the Christmas day of 1870 dawned upon Paris the city had been in the iron grip of the German investment for about three months. The winter was a bitterly cold one, the thermometer registering 10 degrees be-

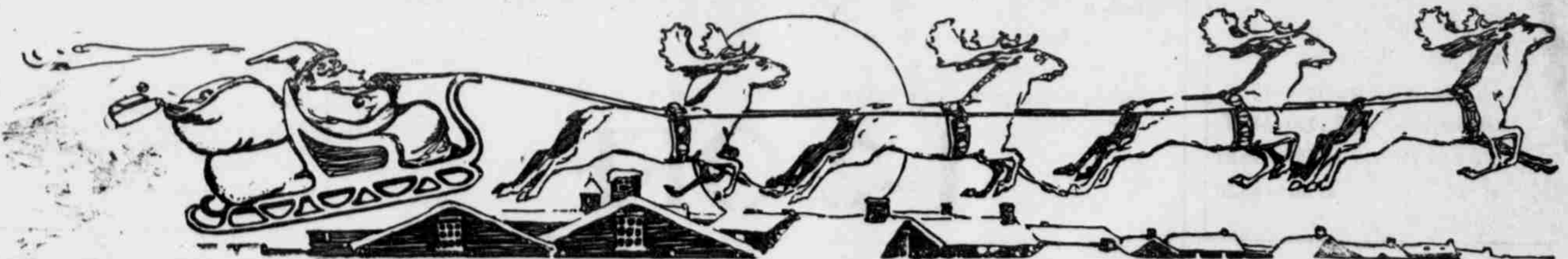
low freezing point on Christmas morning. The Seine was frozen over.

The poor's daily rations were a few ounces of horseflesh and a piece of repulsive looking black bread.

By Dec. 25 food prices had reached their highest point since the beginning of the siege. On Nov. 13 a pound of butter fetched \$14 and a rabbit \$3.50. By Dec. 19 rabbits had risen to

\$5, a box of sardines brought \$2.50 and eggs 25 cents apiece. For one's Christmas dinner one could buy a goose for \$10 or a turkey for \$17. Pigeons were \$3 each, and a small fowl could be obtained for \$5. Ham was \$1.50 a pound. As for vegetables, carrots and turnips were 4 cents each, and a bushel of potatoes cost \$6.25. There was hardly any milk in Paris, and the little there was had to be preserved for the sick

We Strive to Please



Our Goods Do Please



Fine Suspenders

Fancy Suspenders in fancy boxes are among the things men appreciate at Christmas—

50c to \$5.00

Daniel's Shirts

No man ever has too many shirts. There'll be a big Christmas demand. We're showing more shirts than ever in any former Christmas season—

\$1.00 to \$3.50

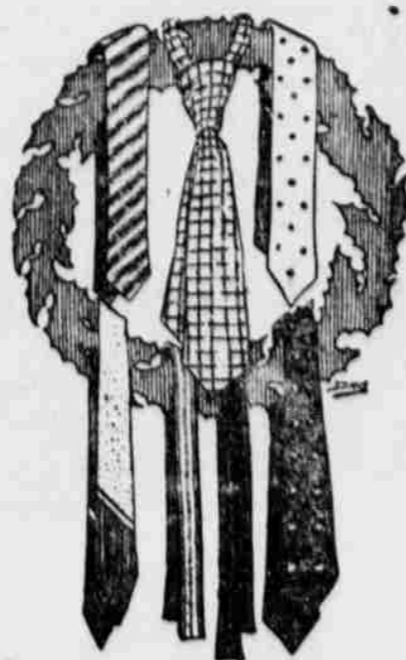


WE REALIZE THAT THE AVERAGE BUYER IS SELDOM AN EXPERT IN FURNISHING VALUES AND SOMETIMES GETS "STUCK" BUT WE GUARANTEE YOU AGAINST GETTING STUCK HERE EXCEPT ON THE SWELL STYLES COME AS A LOOKER WE'LL GLADLY SHOW YOU WHAT HE'LL APPRECIATE FOR HIS CHRISTMAS YOU MAY NOT BUY BUT YOU'LL SURELY BE TEMPTED TO NO CHARGE FOR FANCY XMAS BOXES.

Christmas Neckwear

WE ARE SHOWING A BIG VARIETY THIS SEASON—BEAUTIFUL COLORS, STYLISH PATTERNS; OUR CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR IS PUT UP IN INDIVIDUAL BOXES

50c to \$3.00



Handkerchiefs

IT'S SIMPLY A QUESTION OF THE KIND YOU WISH TO GIVE HIM. THERE IS EVERY KIND OF HANDKERCHIEF IN OUR HABERDASHERY THAT MEN USE—AND LIKE

10c to \$1.50



Shoes

AS WITH SHIRTS, SO WITH SHOES A MAN CAN'T HAVE TOO MANY—ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE THE "BOYDEN" OR "REGAL" KIND OF WHICH WE ARE EXCLUSIVE AGENTS. YOU KNOW HIS SIZE AND THE PRICES RANGE FROM

\$3.00 to \$8.00



Good Xmas Gloves

Gloves for every occasion, from the dress glove to warm gauntlets for automobiling—Next to the smoking coat,

\$1.00 to \$7.50

Bath Robes

bath gowns are largely used as gifts—our collection includes every new style made of every usable fabric—

\$3.50 to \$25.00

DANIELS FOR DUDS

Largest Men's Store in Southern Oregon