

A CHRISTMAS AT CAPE HORN.

ONCE I had a shipmate who celebrated the most grateful Christmas of his life at the Horn.

It was on the Mary Ann, in December, 1897. She was a deep cut steel clipper, but she was a four masted bark, and four masted barks are all ugly in heavy seas. The best sea boat afloat will plunge at Cape Horn, but four masted barks are all the time under water. Sometimes they are swamped altogether and float waterlogged around the Horn. Then the current pushes them south to perish in the ice jam.

Some sailors can be likened to the four masted barks. They are the sailors who have been too long away from home. All sailors plunge liberally into shore life, but the "too long away from home" fellows are, as a rule, swamped in shore life's breakers.

One of my mates on the Mary Ann was Bob Jones, a typical "too long away from home" unfortunate. But Bob still had somebody dear to his heart. He had started on more than one trip around the world with the set determination that the end of the voyage should see him rejoin his own loved ones at home.

But on pay day at the end of his trips his good resolutions had been broken. It had often gone so, and Bob was hiding self despair under the grim surface of a man battling man.

Bob and I with twelve other Yankees, Dutchmen and Swedes, were on the starboard watch under Chief Mate Dickson of the Mary Ann. When we went below on Christmas eve the sea was running high. Sleet and hail came down in the squalls. The western gale had trimmed our sails down to the lower topsails.

We had hardly fallen asleep when we heard the man at the wheel strike one bell. Before the signal for "All Hands on Deck" was answered forward Bob and I were out of our bunks and had our sea boots on.

"What's up now?" growled Bob, and he got his answer from Jimmy, the deck boy, who came rushing in without preliminary warning.

"Rise, rise, rise, sleepers! Weather ship for icebergs on the leeward bow. Rise, rise, rise!"

The watch on deck was already setting the fore staysail to head the vessel off the wind. She was running easy when we came on deck, and the storm spanker was hauled out to bring the vessel to the wind on the other tack.

Bob was sent forward to furl the fore staysail. The rest of us went to the braces and pulled the yards in to starboard. Then came the ugliest part of the job. Slowly the Mary Ann turned to face her foe again. But before she could head her bow against the mighty seas she broke over her from stem to stern.

Bob came aft from the staysail to join us just as we all jumped out of the way, for a big breaker came thundering over the weather rail.

The breaker caught Bob at the fore backstays. He jumped up and put his arm through the coils of the fore sheet, hanging in straps in the royal backstay.

The straps were rotten, and Bob and the coil sheet rope dropped and disappeared in the boiling deck waters.

The waters surged to leeward and carried a dark object with them. The skipper threw a life buoy from the poop.

"Poor Bob!" said everybody to himself. It was all we could do for him. Bob was gone, and there seemed to be no help for it.

We had the Mary Ann snug at last. Our watch had still an hour more below, not long enough to make it worth while to crawl into our bunks, and we lighted our pipes, lay down on our chests and discussed poor Bob.

Bill, who was Bob's own chum, went to Bob's bunk and overhauled the things.

"It is enough to make anybody ripping mad to think of a rotten old strap chucking a poor fellow overboard," raved Bill. "Christmas night too. Say, boys, when we auction this stuff off we've got to show Bob up handsome to his friends."

It must be explained that when sailors die at sea their belongings are sold at auction to the crew. This custom serves a double purpose. It is easier to ship money halfway around the globe than to insure the safe delivery of an old wooden chest. A good sum

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terminated to be the sum of \$1469.49. Now therefore, it is hereby further determined that the proportional share of the cost of laving said water main of each parcel of property fronting on said portion of said street is the amount set opposite the description of each parcel of land below, and that each piece or parcel of land benefitted by the laving of said water main to the full extent of the amount so set opposite the de-

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scription of the same, and that the respective amounts represent the proportional benefits of said water main to said respective parcels of land and also the proportional frontage thereof on said portion of said street, and the council does hereby declare each of the parcels of property described below to be assessed and each of the same hereby is assessed the amount set opposite each description for the cost of laving said water main.

ASSESSMENT FOR A FOUR-INCH WATER MAIN ON MISTLETOE STREET, FROM ELEVENTH ST., SOUTH TO DAKOTA AVENUE, IN CITY OF MEDFORD, OREGON.

Assessment No. 1—A. J. Daley, beginning at the northwest corner of lot 1, block 3, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, running thence east 130 feet, south 149 feet, west 130 feet thence north 149 feet to place of beginning, frontage 149 feet on east side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 72, page 203, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 99 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$60.39.

Assessment No. 2—Nannie L. Zeno, the west 1/4 of lot 1, block 3, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, (excepting tracts marked BS, BT, BV, BW, BX, BY, on plat) frontage 140 feet on east side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 72, page 306, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 140 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$85.40.

Assessment No. 3—Adam Enig, lot 2, block 3, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, (excepting the following described tract of land commencing 20 feet south of the northeast corner of lot 2, block 3, Barr's addition and running thence west 100 feet, south 137 feet, east 100 feet, north 137 feet to place of beginning, and beginning at the southeast corner of lot 2, block 3, Barr's addition and running thence north 50 feet, west 150 feet, south 50 feet, east 150 feet to place of beginning, and commencing at the southeast corner of lot 1, block 3, Barr's addition and running thence west 660 feet, south 20 feet, east 660 feet, north 20 feet to place of beginning, the last described tract being known as Twelfth street, frontage 310 feet on east side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 61, page 460, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 310 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$189.10.

Assessment No. 4—James Campbell, commencing 250 feet west of the northeast corner lot 3, block 3, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, running thence west 410 feet, south 87 feet, east 410 feet, north 87 feet to place of beginning, frontage 87 feet on east side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 63, page 284, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 87 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$53.07.

Assessment No. 5—William H. Hamlin, lot 3, block 3, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 243 feet on east side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 42, page 332, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 243

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feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$148.23.

Assessment No. 6—Anna Marion Parker, lot 4, block 3, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 295 feet on east side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 72, page 67, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 295 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$179.95.

Assessment No. 7—Frederick W. and Minnie Waschau, lot 4, block 4, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 295 feet on west side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 16, page 425, county recorder's records, Jackson county, Oregon, 295 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$179.95.

Assessment No. 8—L. B. Williams, lot 3, block 4, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 330 feet on west side Mistletoe street south, described Vol. 60, page 610, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 330 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$201.30.

Assessment No. 9—Perry B. Scott, lot 2, block 4, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, (excepting tracts marked BE, BF, on plat) frontage 165 feet on west side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 53, page 180, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 165 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$100.65.

Assessment No. 10—Philip J. Spence, beginning at the northeast corner of lot 2, block 4, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon and running thence south on the east line of said lot 165 feet, west parallel with the north line of said lot 330 feet, north parallel with the east line of said lot 165 feet to north line thereof, thence east on said north line 330 feet to place of beginning, containing 1 1/4 acres, more or less, frontage 165 feet on west side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 62, page 102, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 165 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$100.65.

Assessment No. 11—Robert Lange, lot 1, block 4, Barr's addition in the city of Medford, Oregon, 660 feet east and west, by 330 feet north and south, containing five acres, frontage 280 feet on west side Mistletoe street, south, described Vol. 42, page 559, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon, 280 feet; rate per foot, 61 cents; amount due, \$170.80.

Section 2. And it is hereby ordered and ordained that said several assessments and the liens be entered in the water main lien docket of said city, and that thereupon notice be given the owners or reputed owners of said property, and that the same be enforced and collected in the manner provided by the charter of said city for the collection of assessments for the improvements of streets therein.

Section 3. It is further ordered that the notice above provided for be published three times in the Daily Mail Tribune, a newspaper published and of general circulation in said city, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 250 of said city. The foregoing ordinance was passed

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by the city council of the city of Medford on the 7th day of December, 1909, by the following vote: Merrick, absent; Eifert, aye; Welch, aye; Emerick, aye; Demmer, aye; Wortman, aye.

Approved December 8th, 1909.
W. H. CANON,
Mayor.

Attest:
ROBT. W. TELFER,
Recorder.

BENSON'S BARGAINS

We Are Headquarters for Small Orchard Tracts

4 miles south of Medford. Price \$245 per acre.

Will exchange five residence lots for improved city property. Our plan and terms makes investment easy. Own some property and receive your share of the increase in value this spring.

2 1/2 acres on Newtown street, good 5-room house, well and outbuildings, nearly all set to fruit. \$2800

2 1/2 acres between Peach and Newtown streets; nicely located for subdividing. \$2100

We represent seven strong fire insurance companies. Insure before the fire; its too late after.

Within 100 feet of Oakdale avenue, new 10-room modern house, south front, large lot. \$2500

Surety Bonds—We represent the Union Guarantee Association of Portland.

Become informed about our ten and twenty-acre orchard tracts, mostly undeveloped and prices right.

One five-acre tract, close in, will make 26 building lots. Figure it out and see for yourself what you can make on it. \$4000

Our rental department can handle your houses right.

Benson Investment Company

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IF YOU DON'T WANT

More Light Better Food More Hot Water DON'T READ THIS

What would be a more useful and ideal Xmas present for the home than a cabinet for the kitchen that would cover the hot water tank and supply a cooker, besides being a beautiful piece of furniture? This combination will give more hot water with your present tank and stove than you can use and save 60 per cent on fuel and the cooker will actually cook at 180 degrees for ten hours without a fire. Call and see demonstration, then ORDER NOW, and I will install the cabinet so that you can take a hot bath Xmas morn without having to build a fire, and also prepare most of your Xmas dinner in the cooker, instead of cooking over a hot stove for hours.


I also install gasoline lighting systems for homes, stores and any place that light may be needed. Having made a study of gas systems and carefully investigated different lights, etc., I know I have the best to be had. These lights are accepted by underwriters and are absolutely safe. Cheaper than electricity or manufactured gas; gives a pure white light and plenty of it. Compare the light and cost in the stores and places that are lighted with gasoline and those with electricity. More light for less money.

Call and see the Xmas specialties in imported Spun Brass, Ideal Mantle Lamp with fancy Shades. They are just a little better.

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IF YOU are thinking of investing in the Rogue River valley—if you want an orchard or orchard lands—Go to the man who has lived 35 years in the valley, who has grown fruit for 20 years, who has bought fruit from practically every bearing orchard in the valley and who has shipped hundreds of cars of fruit to the markets of the world during the past few years. REFERENCE—All the large orchardists in the valley since nearly all of them have located through me. JOHN D. OLWELL, Exhibit Bldg, Medford.



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WE WISH to call to the attention of our many patrons that we now have all of the latest machinery, and are in a position to handle any and all kinds of DYE WORK HERE, thereby saving the delay in shipping, we guarantee to give as good a service as can be secured on the coast.

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IN OUR TAILORING DEPARTMENT we do a general repair business. Jackets relined, skirts rebound and altered, in fact, no repair or alteration is too difficult for us to handle.

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