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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Mail Tribune wishes its many readers a merry Christmas, and hopes that every stocking will be well filled and that the coming year will see every person realize his or her desires.

Every merchant in Medford reports a greatly increased Christmas business, in fact the greatest trade in the history of the city. The Christmas offerings are more numerous and better than ever before, and almost anything the heart desires among material things can now be purchased here.

The year has been a prosperous one for Medford and the Rogue River valley, and the prosperity and growth is general. No one has made a realty or business investment without profiting by it, and the heavy Christmas trade is a good barometer of the conditions.

The coming year will surpass all records, and no one need be surprised if the population of the city doubles by another Christmas time.

The extension and completion of the Pacific & Eastern, construction of the trolley line through the valley, the development of the copper district and the timber region through the railroad extensions, all augur a bright year for the Rogue River country.

EIGHT BODIES RECOVERED FROM DEPTHS OF MINE.

HERRIN, Ill., Dec. 24.—Although a searching party worked untiringly all night under the direction of State Mine Inspector Little of Carbondale, no bodies of victims of the explosion in mine A of the Chicago and Carterville Coal company, in addition to the eight already recovered, were found.

An investigation into the cause of the disaster is being made today. It is thought that the explosion was caused by an unguarded lamp carried by a miner, although the presence of gas in the section of the mine where the accident occurred was known.

Members of the rescue party are assured that every man who was in the mine last night was accounted for.

The death roll includes the names of W. T. Pierce, the mine engineer, Eugene Barrett, his assistant, and Thomas Williams, the assistant manager. Miners known as Snyder, Greece, Romeo and Harbor and an unidentified Italian also lost their lives.

YOUNG BOY STOPS TRAIN: AVERTS DISASTROUS WRECK

OLYMPIA, Wn., Dec. 24.—Harry Hunter, 12 years old, is being lionized today by his small companions because of his experience yesterday afternoon when he saved a heavily loaded Northern Pacific passenger train from a disastrous wreck. Hunter and his companion were gathering Christmas decorations along the right of way about two miles from Olympia when they noticed that one of the rails on the track was broken. Knowing that a train was soon due to pass, the boys started with all speed down the track, young Hunter running toward Tacoma and his companion going in the opposite direction. Hunter had proceeded but a short distance when he met the passenger train coming at full speed. He waved his arms as a signal to stop and the train came to a standstill within a few feet of the broken rail.

The track was temporarily repaired and the train proceeded, the boy rescuer being taken aboard of the train and hailed as a hero.

STEEL CORPORATION TO INVADE THE WEST

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—The second great movement of the United States Steel Corporation to invade the territory adjacent to Chicago, following the raising of the new town of Gary from the sand waste, began with the announcement that the corporation intends to spend \$100,000,000 in the building of new plants and the enlargement of existing shop.

Five thousand additional men will be employed at the completion of the plant.

It is understood that the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company is planning the construction of a \$20,000,000 plant in Gary territory.

NOTICE.

The Medford Sash and Door factory will be closed Monday and Tuesday of next week in order to take an inventory of the stock.

SENTENCING OF ERNSTING POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The sentence was to have been imposed on Willis E. Ernsting today for killing William Salter, an aged civil war veteran of Tacoma, when here in August, was postponed until Monday by Superior Judge Willis today.

After a trial lasting a week he was found guilty of murder in the second degree. According to the testimony brought out during the trial Ernsting carried the old man into an alley between Fifth and Sixth streets, where he beat him. He left the old soldier staggering along the alleyway and returned to his rooms. Early in the morning a garbage man drove his team up to the body and the horses stepped directly over it.

It was thought at the time that Salter had been knocked to death by the team, and the coroner's jury brought in a verdict to that effect. Later it developed that Ernsting was involved, with the result that he was arrested and convicted.

BANDIT MYSTERY NOT YET CLEARED IN FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Despite the fact that a score of clues have been followed by the detectives, the mystery of the identity of the bandit slayer who is wanted for the murder of William Schneider and a double holdup of the Gleason drug store remains unsolved.

With the explosion of the theory that Leslie Harris, the Los Angeles attorney in jail there, charged with the pilfering of a safe, was connected with the local crimes, the authorities have little on which to work. The description of the bandit furnished by his victims did not fit Harris.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends who have been so kind to us during our recent trouble.
 MR. AND MRS. J. W. SMYLLIE.

Present Arms!



Or maybe you'd present some friend with a better equipment for the battle of life. For instance, present him with an annual subscription to this paper.

AT THE CHURCHES

Services Tonight.

Christmas services this evening at the Presbyterian church. The primary department gives their exercises this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the advanced department of the school give their exercises at 7:30 o'clock this evening. The church is beautifully decorated, and every one is welcome. An offering for foreign missions will be taken, that it may be an evening of giving as well as of receiving.

Presbyterian Church.

Christmas sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Congregational singing and a solo by Mrs. E. E. Gore. Beautiful decorations and all are welcome. A song service in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. The songs will be Christmas songs. There will also be special music; and instrumental music on the organ and piano. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; C. E. Society at 6:30 p. m.

Christian Science.

Services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject of lesson-sermon for next Sunday, "Christian Science." All are welcome. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. North Grape street, north of Sherman, Clay & Co., music house.

Methodist Church.

On next Sabbath at the Methodist church, corner of Fourth and Bartlett, the services will be in keeping with the Christmas thought. The morning subject will be "Christ and the Wise Men." In the evening, "The Song of the Shepherds." Special Christmas music by the large chorus choir, both morning and evening. The evening service will be largely musical. All cordially invited.

NOTICE.

First M. E. church choir. There will be a rehearsal Saturday evening, December 25, at 7:30 p. m.
 FORREST EDMEADES.

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

- This evening at the Baptist church the following program will be rendered by the Sunday school:
1. Processional by Junior Classes.
 2. Prayer—S. L. Bennett.
 3. Song by the Sunday School.
 4. Remarks on Christmas—Prof. Stein.
 5. Recitation by Catherine Tuttle.
 6. Telegram from Santa Claus.
 7. Recitation by six little girls.
 8. Telegram from Santa Claus.
 9. Song by the Sunday School.
 10. Telegram from Santa Claus.
 11. Arrival of Santa Claus.

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Don't forget the Wigwam dance tonight at the new pavilion skating rink by F. W. Walters, beginning at 9:30 o'clock. Come and have a good time. 238

Look! Look!

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DUTCH JOE'S DEATH IS INVESTIGATED

Cause of Death of Jos. Campbell at Gold Ray in November Now Subject of Investigation.

In the latter part of November the body of James Campbell, known as "Dutch Joe," was found in the snow near Gold Ray.

Kampbell had been drinking rather heavily and it was supposed that he had wandered about in the night until overcome by the storm and his own potations and had fallen in the snow and perished.

Coroner Kellogg on examining the body did not deem an inquest necessary and ordered the remains interred at Gold Hill.

Later, however, a suspicion of possible foul play arose and the body was exhumed yesterday and an inquest is now being held.

This afternoon an examination of the remains is being made for evidence of arsenical poison, traces of which are said to have been found.

It is said that the man's face was badly bruised when the body was found, and that his nose was broken. He was last seen at his boarding place in the evening and retired apparently sober. In the morning he was missing and the next day was found dead in the snow.

This is an interesting issue for ad-watches—and all gift-buyers should be watchers of the ads.

BISHOP ARRIVES FROM OUT OF NORTHERN FASTNESS

DAWSON, Y. T., Dec. 24.—Bishop I. O. Stringer of the Church of England for the Yukon diocese has arrived here, forty-seven days from Fort MacPherson at the mouth of the MacKenzie river, bringing the first advices since summer from that region.

Get That Piano

YOUR HOME NEEDS IT. YOUR LITTLE GIRL NEEDS IT. BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME WITH MUSIC—THE LANGUAGE OF THE ANGELS. "A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER."

Just one more day in which to buy a Christmas Piano. The pianos have been selling rapidly, but we have plenty left. In all our chain of stores, which are in every city of any importance on the Pacific coast, none have done so well as our Medford store. Cities with twenty times the population of Medford have fallen behind in the number and quality of pianos sold this month. We are proud of Medford. The citizens have treated us royally and clean, honest business methods have won out in Medford, as they do everywhere.

Our pianos consist of the STEINWAY, A. B. CHASE, CONOVER, CABLE, EVERETT, PACKARD, LUDWIG, KINGSBURY, ESTEY, KURTZMANN, EMERSON WELLINGTON and other pianos. OUR PLAYER PIANOS, A. B. CHASE Upright and Grand SOHMER CECILIAN, CAROLA INNER PLAYER and KINGSBURY INNER PLAYER, EUPHONA INNER PLAYER, ESTEY ORGANS, PIPE ORGANS and CHICAGO COTTAGE ORGANS, VICTOR TALKING MACHINES. One price to all and that the right price. Leave Orders for Tuning.

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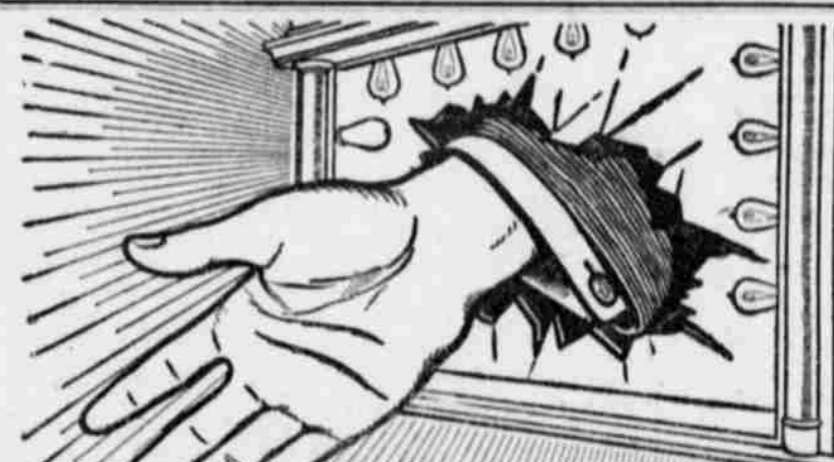
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