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GETS \$2,000,000 AS XMAS GIFT

Shortly After Mother Announces
Christmas Dinner Will Be Scarce
She Is Notified of Great Legacy—

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 24.—One hour after she had announced to her family that they would have to forego the usual Christmas turkey dinner, Mrs. Minnie Crosby of Chickasaw received a telegram telling her that she was heir to a fortune of \$2,000,000. The message was from J. W. Grant, a Boston attorney. It is said that in the death of Mrs. Crosby's aunt, Mrs. Godfrey Backus of Providence, R. I., the fortune had been left to Mrs. Crosby.

The Crosbys had been in straightened circumstances for some time. They lost track of Mrs. Backus and had no hope of benefitting by her will.

PRESIDENT BUYS MANY XMAS GIFTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Mingling with the crowds on the downtown streets President Taft today personally completed his Christmas shopping. The presidential smile beamed brightly as Taft pushed his way from counter to counter of the crowded stores, selecting the gifts that he will personally bestow.

NEW ROUTE FOUND TO NORTH SIBERIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Russian expedition under the geologist M. Rusanoff, has discovered a warm ocean current around Nova Zemba, but not passing through the Kara sea, where Nansen and others sought for such a current.

It is expected that the maritime route to the mouths of the Siberian rivers will henceforth be to the north instead of to the south of Nova Zemba.

XMAS SERVICES.

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Assistance of deacon and subdeacon will be celebrated by Rev. Charles Smith. Father Smith was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Archbishop Christie in the Cathedral church of Portland, and on Christmas day will celebrate his first mass in Medford at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

At St. Mark's: The Sunday school meets as usual at 10 a. m. All scholars are requested to be present. Service at 11 a. m., consisting of morning prayer, sermon and holy communion. The following musical program will be rendered by the choir: "Venite" (Aunt), "Te Deum" (Hilzebrigg); "Jubilate Deo" (Dudley Buck); "Kyrie, Gloria Tibi" (Sanctus); "Agnus Dei, Gloria in Excelsis" (Reid); offertory, "Gloria to God in the Highest," by Cramer. No service in the evening. The Sunday school Xmas tree and service will be held in the guild hall on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. All members of the congregation are requested to be present, and especially those having children, whether attending Sunday school or not.

Methodist church, corner Fourth and Bartlett, Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00, subject "Christmas Message." Epworth league 6:30 p. m. At 7:30 the choir will give a musical program consisting of a high grade of Christmas anthems, solos and choruses. A short sermon by the pastor. All are cordially welcome to all these services.

When You Are Ill

It doesn't take a good doctor to tell that. Most anyone can do as much. To tell what makes you ill sometimes calls for the utmost skill of the best physician.

Anyone, by a few simple tests, can tell that your eyes are defective—that you need glasses of some kind—but to know the exact cause and fit the right glasses calls for more than ordinary skill.

I have made the fitting of glasses a special study and I am in business to bring wrong eyes and right glasses together.

DR. RICKERT, Optometrist,
Room 2, over Koutner's.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

TO EACH and all a merry Christmas. May it bring to all that which the heart most desires.

Christmas is the one short respite from selfishness granted to us throughout the long year—the one time when regard and love for fellow men displaces love for self and grasping greediness.

The gospel taught by Christ is not entirely forgotten when civilization practices it, even for a brief period. For fifty-one weeks of the year we practice heathenism—one week alone we set aside to observe the precepts of true Christianity.

Though all the philosophers, though all the prophets, though all the inspired ones, since time began, have taught that happiness could only be found in doing for others, yet we spend our days and nights in self seeking, in striving for that seldom attained, in worship of that which availeth us not, even if attained.

For centuries men have dreamt of Utopia, where things are as they should be, forgetting that the realization of the dream was with themselves, and that, if they lived with the Christmas spirit in their hearts, Utopia would be here.

If you knew you were to say good-bye forever tomorrow to the world and all within it, would you live as you have lived, or would the Christmas spirit animate your closing hours?

Would not this old world of ours suddenly become most beautiful? Would not unseen joys and sorrows lurk within the sunshine and the shadows? What pleasure would dwell in the voices of friends, as you heard them for the last time, and what music in the chatter of children?

Would the petty ambitions and animosities you have spent your life in gratifying seem worth while? Would they not all be cast aside as of no moment, in these your closing hours?

How small, how miserably, pitifully small, would seem the ideals you have wasted your efforts to attain, in those sunset hours of life—how wasted in unworthy worship of false gods, how worse than foolish your efforts to build yourself by tearing others down in those final fleeting moments when time so soon will be no more.

If today were your last day, and there is no reason to suppose it will not be, you would live it with the Christmas spirit in your heart—with the love of your fellow displacing your love of self.

Why not, then, live every day in the same spirit? You do not need new laws, you do not need socialism or any other ism to realize Utopia—you only need the Christmas spirit—and your way, like the path of the just, will be as a shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day.

SAY JAPS DID NOT SINK DRYDOCK DEWEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"Persons circulating reports that Japanese sank the dry dock Dewey at Olongapo in order to control the Philippines should be spanked and sent to bed without their supper," said an official of the war department. Lieutenant Leonard Wood, added to this by saying that such a report was absurd.

Officials assert that a report definitely fixing the responsibility of the destruction of the Dewey on the part of the war department has not been made public but officers will be called to account.

Figures show that there are over 1000 Japanese in the Philippines and half of these are women. For some time it was admitted that the Japanese might establish a naval station in any of the islands, but this was not deemed significant.

ROSEBURG IS DIVIDED OVER NEW SCHOOL SITE

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 24.—The Roseburg school board has definitely decided to purchase a block of land in the north part of the city for \$1000, whereon a high school is to be built. There is great opposition to this deal and some of the directors are fighting the matter. It is possible that when the attempt is made to buy the property and erect the school building, an injunction suit will be brought to prevent it. Many of the people of the city favor the location, however, as it has many good points to commend it.

FAMILY MEETS, FIRST TIME IN 30 YEARS

For the first time in thirty years the various members of the Wilson family, which originated in North Carolina, will be reunited at a Christmas dinner. Thirty persons will be present, seven of the eleven children all being in Medford. The reunion will be held at the home of O. N. Wilson on West Fourth street. The old home is at Spencer, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. J. McPherson, Mrs. McPherson being a Wilson, came first to Oregon in 1888. Mr. McPherson set out one of the first commercial orchards in Rogue valley.

Two sisters and three brothers now live in Rogue valley. The sisters are Mrs. J. McPherson, Mrs. C. W. Friley, Mrs. P. Du Bois, Mrs. F. R. Mason. The brothers are W. C. Wilson, J. L. Wilson and O. N. Wilson.

Those who will make up the company Christmas day are: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Du Bois of Spencer, Ia.; Mrs. F. R. Mason, Webster City, Ia.; W. C. Wilson, Livermore, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Friley, Ashtland; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Wilson and five children, Medford; A. W. McPherson, wife and son Kenneth; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McPherson and three sons, Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bellinger, Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Fiske.

The store that pays a lot of money for space in which to say something to you must believe that what it says is important to you.

IN THE PAST OUR EVERY EFFORT HAS
BEEN TO PLEASE, AND NOW ON THIS
GLAD

Christmas Day

WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING PEACE AND HAPPINESS AND THAT A MARKED PROSPERITY WILL CROWN YOUR EFFORTS DURING ALL OF 1911 AND BE A

Happy New Year Indeed.

Allen Grocery Co.



Welcome Your Friends

To Christmas Dinner in a home of your own. It is the luxury of welcome. We can fit you out with two fine large lots and good 2-story 8-room residence in splendid neighborhood for only \$2200, on good terms. It is the chance of a lifetime. See us today or tomorrow at latest.

Rogue River Land Co.

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THANKING OUR PATRONS FOR A MOST LIBERAL BUSINESS IN THE SHORT TIME OPEN.

WE WISH ONE AND ALL A

Merry Xmas
and a
Pleasant New Year
The Golden Rule

May You Enjoy a Delightful Christmas

And May the

Prospect for 1911

Loom Bright with the Dawn of the New Year.

Whetsel Music House

VICTOR AND EDISON MACHINES.

WISHING OUR FRIENDS

AND PATRONS A

MOST ENJOYABLE

Christmas

AND BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR

1911 AHRENS

All the business I could possibly have expected.

Thank You Merry Xmas

and continued success for

The New Year MARTIN J. REDDY

The Jeweler, Near Postoffice.

A GOOD RESOLUTION



for New Year's Day is to open an account at the Farmers & Fruit-growers' Bank. Your first deposit will be the foundation of a new era of prosperity. Your money will draw interest and will be ready for you in case of need. If you have no account with us allow us to explain to you our up-to-date system.

Farmers and Fruit Growers' Bank

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO GROW SO RAPIDLY IN THE YEAR 1910, WE EXTEND OUR WARMEST THANKS. TO ALL WE SAY,

Merry Christmas

and Wish You a

Glad New Year

Medford Sash & Door Co.

We Wish You a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year



Cleaners Dyers Pressers

You Are Invited Here For
.....Christmas Dinner.....

---MENU---

Olives	Oyster Cocktail	Celery
	Salted Almonds	
	Cream of Chicken au Militaire	
	Baked Salmon, a la Italienne	
	Roast Spring Turkey, Chestnut Dressing	
	Cranberry Sauce	
Browned Sweet Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	
	Cauliflower in Cream	
	Roast Suckling Pig with Baked Apples	
	Crab Salad en Mayonnaise	
	Creme d'Menthe Punch	
Christmas Plum Pudding with Hard or Brandy Sauce		
	Neapolitan Ice Cream	
Tea	Assorted Cake	Coffee
	American Cheese	
	TABLE D'HOTE DINNER	
	at the	

... B I S M A R K ...
TODAY--75 CENTS

MAIL TRIBUNE WANT ADS BRING RESULTS