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ELKS BRING GOOD CHEER CHRISTMAS

Distribute Food and Presents in the City and Gladden Many a Home—Dray Heaped With Food Is Seen in All Sections of City on Its Mission of Charity.

Many a little tot who awoke yesterday morning with its faith in Santa Claus shaken by his apparent neglect at not leaving that plaything coveted for so long and so earnestly prayed for had that same faith bolstered in a substantial manner before the day was out, although Santa Claus, when he did come, looked like an ordinary business man and the proverbial sleigh and reindeer were supplanted by a huge dray and heavy draft horses such as can be seen at any time on the streets of the city.

For the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks played Santa Claus. In all sections of the city yesterday a heavy dray was seen as it wended its way on its mission of charity. Heaped high with the sneaks of potatoes and flour and ham and necessities of life, as well as candy and toys, it was on its way early and the evening shades were falling when it came back, its mission fulfilled. And many a home had a Christmas dinner in consequence that otherwise it would have gone without.

Medford has its poor in accord with other cities, for here as elsewhere the dark bird of misfortune hovers occasionally, and there are the sick and the widowed and the orphaned who have but little to brighten their way. Realizing this, the Elks held a great charity meeting Thursday evening and yesterday brightened for a time the lives of the unfortunate. And nearly every one was reached. The great fraternal order which practices as well as preaches, has "made good" once again.

JOHN WILKINSON GETS AUTOMOBILE

Holds Lucky Ticket and Annexes Flanders "20" Given by Company For Benefit of Crater Lake Road.

Holding ticket number 591, John Wilkinson of the Medford National bank won the Flanders "20" given by the E. M. F. company for the benefit of the Crater Lake road. The drawing took place last Saturday evening at the Natatorium. Mr. Wilkinson got the machine for \$1, as he only held one ticket.

WILL ASK PARDON FOR INSPECTOR M'CANN

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 26.—Governor Dezen will be asked to pardon former Police Inspector Edward McCann of Chicago, who goes to Joliet Wednesday to begin a five year term. McCann was convicted for having protected vice in the West Side district.

The pardon board is expected to meet soon to consider a petition for a pardon for the ex-inspector.

Mantell to Meet Sullivan. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Frank Mantell and Jack Twin Sullivan were matched today to meet at the National club here Friday night.

CHRISTMAS DAY BRIGHT AND CHEERY

"Whit Is So Rare as a Day in June?" Sang the Poet—"A Christmas Day in the Rogue River Valley," Answers Nature—Day Dawned Bright and Cheery.

"What is so rare as a day in June?" sang the poet. "A Christmas day in the Rogue river valley," answers nature. It was perfect. Never did a day dawn more glorious, nor more perfect than Christmas day, in the year of our Lord 1910 in southern Oregon. In keeping with a bright and joyous festival—albeit some are accustomed to the snows and winter drifts of the east and can't get accustomed to the climate of the valley of the Rogue—was the day. It was a day of gladness within and without.

Neither the fabled skies of Arcadia, the amethyst hues of Italy or the amarantine tints of California surpass the splendors of the heavens which arched the valley Christmas day. The noonday sun showered the multi-colored hills with gold; a delicate touch of winter had painted in brilliance the falling leaves, and crimson and yellow and dark of the evergreen mingled in tangled profusion along the hill slopes. Over all was the great round sun which shed light and heat with prodigal hand. It was a day in keeping with the spirit of the festival.

Christmas day was generally observed throughout the city. The churches were crowded at all services. Elaborate choral services were rendered. Nearly every home witnessed some family gathering where all entered into the spirit of the occasion. Medford was enjoying her Christmas present—the requiring of which has driven shoppers for the past month at highest speed. Worn-out clerks and shop girls gained a rest from the long hours which have been their lot of late. Christmas came and went with joy evident on all hands.

The new year is approaching. This week will be devoted to a general overhauling that Medford may "get off" early in the new year, which promises to be the greatest year in her history.

PLUNGES 7000 FEET DOWNWARD

Daring Man-Bird Soars 7500 Feet Up Then Stops His Motors—He Checks Himself When 500 Feet Above Ground.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—Arch Hoxey is the hero of the aviation fans today. The intrepid youngster added to the laurels he already has won by ascending yesterday to a height of 7500 feet in an atmosphere that was fog-saturated and biting cold, and after shutting off his motors, plunged to within 500 feet of the earth before righting his planes.

Hoxey's height record established Saturday will stand at 9288 feet instead of 6299 as announced. The barograph reading as first announced was incorrect.

Wilfred proved himself to be the best marksman of the aviators. Armed with a basket of oranges to represent bombs, he arose to a height of 2000 feet, dropped 20 feet in 10 minutes on the deck of a battleship marked on the turf. The shots were made while he darted through the air at a 40-mile clip.

TOURS, France, Dec. 26.—The Duchess de Choizul-Prasin, formerly Mrs. Charles Hamilton Paine of Boston, today, through her attorneys, announced her willingness to drop the prosecution of "Count" and "Countess" D'Anibly de Gatigny, who are charged with having extorted \$200,000 from her.

Work Will Commence On Six Story Hotel Soon After New Year's



Work is to recommence on the erection of the Hotel Medford immediately after New Year's, if present plans do not miscarry, according to an announcement made Monday by the company. The contract has practically been let and will be signed within the next two or three days. The building will cost over \$100,000 and will be six stories in height, elaborately finished throughout.

The Hotel Medford will stand directly opposite the city park. The basement has already been constructed. The building is being erected by a syndicate of local men. The officers of the company are D. E. B. Pickel, president; A. Coleman, vice president; Emil Mohr, secretary; Farmers' and Fruit Growers' Bank, treasurer; E. B. Pickel; A. Coleman, Bert Anderson, J. W. Wright, E. C. Ireland, W. F. Rau, Emil Mohr, directors.

The building committee consists of W. C. Green, A. Coleman, J. W. Wright, W. F. Rau and Emil Mohr. The architects are Clark & Forester, and the attorney is Porter J. Neff.

6 YEAR OLD NAN NICKEL FALLS FIVE STORIES FROM LOS ANGELES HOTEL; WILL RECOVER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Six-year-old Nan Nickel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nichel of Medford, Ore., lies in the Good Samaritan hospital today suffering from a fractured leg and possibly internal injuries received when she fell from a fifth story window of the Hotel Hayward.

The child became dizzy and lost her balance while leaning from the window of her parents' apartments to see a miniature rose garden on the glass netting roof above the hotel lobby. She was not made unconscious by the fall.

Two hours later she was propped up between great pillows in her bed at the hospital waiting with her mother for the coming of Santa Claus.

Charles Nickel is one of the pioneer journalists of Oregon, and a pioneer in Jackson county. He is now a resident of Sterling, near Jacksonville, and has thousands of friends throughout the state, who will be sorry to learn of the misfortune to his youngest child.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickel accompanied by Miss Nan, left a week ago to spend a month in Los Angeles.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 26.—That Detroit would trade Ty Cobb, its star outfielder, to the Washington Americans for Pitcher Johnson was denied today by Manager Hughie Jennings. Jennings ridiculed the report and said that Detroit fans would lynch him if he let Cobb go.

Want-advertise for a partner, or a backer—and push that business enterprise of yours. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Taft jarred the White House clerks today by arriving at his of-

SHAKE-UP IN CABINET IS EXPECTED

Knox, MacVeagh, Ballinger and Possibly Wilson May Go—Charles Scott of Kansas May Succeed Tama Jim—Tawney May Follow Ballinger.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Rumors of a coming shakeup in the cabinet were renewed today. It was reported that the changes said to be contemplated by President Taft involved the resignations of Secretaries Knox, MacVeagh, Ballinger and possibly Wilson.

Knox, it is known, is dissatisfied over his loss of influence in the administration policy. Politicians say that the time has arrived for President Taft to dismiss Ballinger.

A report that Congressman Charles Scott of Kansas will succeed Secretary Wilson is generally credited. The president's secretary, Charles Norton, is named by politicians to succeed MacVeagh, who, it is expected will retire on account of ill health. Senator Flint and Representative Tawney are mentioned as possible successors of Ballinger.

3 MILLION CHINESE ARE STARVING

Efforts of Missionaries to Relieve Distress Falls—Total Population of Province in Which Food Is Short Is 37,000,000.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—Reports from the interior state that 3,000,000 Chinese are starving in the northern provinces of Kiang Su and Anhui. The efforts of foreign missionaries to relieve the distress have failed.

The total population of the two provinces is 37,000,000. The International Board of Foreign Missions has appealed for 1,000,000 to relieve the famine and the Red Cross society has been urged to collect the fund.

LEAK IN GAS MAIN KILLS 4

Another Said to Be Dying—Men Were in Separate Rooms—City Authorities Are Investigating the Matter.

leak in the city gas main that supplied the lighting system of the Pacific hotel caused the death of four lodgers in the place yesterday and another is dying in the hospital today. Only one of the four victims of the fatality has been identified. He is Charles Draft, a day laborer.

William Parker is the man at the hospital, and will probably die before night. Four other men are at the Municipal lodging house and in a critical condition. The men were in separate rooms and all retired about midnight Saturday.

K. Shimizu, proprietor of the place, was awakened about 6 o'clock Sunday morning and noticed a strong odor of gas. His discovery of the dead and dying lodgers followed.

City authorities are conducting an investigation. With store advertising so effective that every copy of this newspaper becomes a salesman for you, you'll find that business continues to improve—to the verge of your capacity to handle it.

At the usual time, ready for work, Secretary of the Navy Meyer was the only caller and he conferred with the president for half an hour. Other government offices were closed.

DYNAMITE WRECKS A FACTORY

Los Angeles—Has Another Great Explosion—Steel Works Blown to Bits—No Lives Are Lost—Property Loss Is at Least \$25,000—No Clue Found.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—That the explosion that partially wrecked the plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works at 2 o'clock yesterday morning was caused by dynamite is the unanimous belief today of the management of the plant, the police and the Pinkerton detectives in charge of the investigation that already is in progress. It is believed that a low grade dynamite was used, being set off by a long fuse.

Estimates of the damage vary from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Night Watchman J. E. Asbury, colored, the only person in the building, was slightly injured.

The police are searching for three men seen running from the building shortly before the explosion. Experts estimate that about 25 pounds of dynamite was used. The ground floor was fearfully wrecked, the telephone exchange being blown into the street. The second floor above the office collapsed, and its walls and ceilings were scattered in every direction.

The third floor escaped with little damage, beyond a shattered wall and weakened floors. Every window in the building was broken, as were many in other establishments for blocks around the Llewellyn works.

Mayor George Alexander, visited the damaged plant late last evening. He was taken over the ruins, by dynamite experts, who explained to him the effects of dynamite and gave their decision that the explosion was caused by dynamite. There being no apparent doubt but this was the cause and he declared the guilty persons must be caught. If more money is needed for the hunt, he said, it undoubtedly would be supplied by the city.

Esel Rogers for the Merchants and Manufacturers' association of Los Angeles, who had charge of the investigation of the explosion that destroyed the plant of the Los Angeles Times October 1, hurried to the Llewellyn plant yesterday when he learned of the explosion. He was emphatic in his declaration that dynamite was the only thing to which the affair could be attributed, but ventured the opinion that the persons who placed the stuff and laid the fuse were not familiar with the building.

"Our plant has been dynamited—that is certain," said Secretary John Llewellyn of the company today. "This miserable affair is part of a plot to 'get' us. It was committed by enemies of the company and I am willing to say they were not non-union men. We will spare no expense to get to the bottom of the affair."

Chief of Police Galloway and Captain Paul Flannery of the detective bureau, prior to making an official report of the explosion admitted their belief in the dynamite theory. Flannery has taken charge of the police investigation. Reiss Llewellyn, president of the Llewellyn company, refused to make a statement other than he believed the explosion was the result of a premeditated attack. He declared his satisfaction that no one was killed.

The efficiency of the plant will be impaired by the accident. It was stated by officers of the company that work of contract might be considerably delayed, but that the plant would be in good running order as soon as repairs could be rushed. A temporary office will be established in a nearby building today.

The Llewellyn company is capitalized at \$1,500,000. It is one of the largest iron works west of the Mississippi river. It has been involved in the recent iron workers' strike.

Dallas Has 2124. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The population of Dallas, Ore., was announced by the census bureau today as 2124.

TAFT SHOWS UP EARLY TO WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Taft jarred the White House clerks today by arriving at his of-