

Yuletide Greetings

XMAS RUSH IS SATISFACTORY TO MERCHANTS

Splendid Business Is Reported by Local Merchants During Week Just Closing—Tonight Stores Will Close After Hard Week.

EVERY LINE IS PICKED FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Nothing Was Left Undone to Attract Trade and Results Are Satisfactory.

"The best Christmas business we have ever done."

In substance this is the answer given by almost every merchant in Medford at the close of the Christmas rush. Those who have been keeping tally day by day and comparing the figures with the corresponding day of a year ago say that almost every day has been ahead of the one a year ago. When the grand totals are figured up this evening it is certain that the increase will reach a very large figure.

The Christmas trade did not confine itself to any one line, and the fact that the jewelers did a record business proves that it was not a holiday of inexpensive gifts alone. Furs, jewelry, furniture, coats, lamps, diamonds and many other costly gifts were bought in such profusion that many stocks were depleted.

One leading dry goods merchant has announced that his business this year ran \$20,000 ahead of last year, for the whole year, and another says his Christmas trade was 50 per cent ahead of last year's. Another merchant admits that his business was

Grandpa—The Real Santa Claus



not quite twice as large this year.

The crowds this season were much the same as usual, late buyers. Trade received a decidedly awakening impulse on dollar bargain day and has been good since. The active Christmas buying, however, commenced with Christmas week and was always much heavier afterwards. On Wednesday evening the wisdom of keep-

ing the stores open after dinner hour was proven, for then the evening shopping began.

Medford merchants left nothing undone to attract the trade. They advertised extensively and decorated their stores and windows in true Yuletide manner. Among the most conspicuous Christmas windows are those of a west side automobile supply

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.

Though all the philosophers through all the propheta through 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.

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

house, an east side clothier, and dry goods houses on both sides of the tracks.

The success of the Christmas season has done much to strengthen commercial confidence all over the city and local merchants will start the new year with confidence that next year will be even better than this and that next Christmas will be like this one, a record-breaker.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 23.—George Loudin, former postmaster at Elk River, Idaho, is in jail here today charged with embezzlement of \$5000 Elk River postoffice funds. He was arrested in Los Angeles by federal postoffice inspectors who located him through a decoy telegram and brought him back to Idaho.

THE BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE.



THE first Christmas tree that baby sees is a milestone in his path of joy, though almost certainly he or she—let's call it he for convenience here—forgets all about it long before his second Christmas.

When it is the first baby and his first Christmas tree—wonderful combination of firsts—it is even more interesting, not particularly so to himself, but to his parents. Then it is that the fond mamma or perhaps the actual Santa Claus holds him up to look at the marvels upon the tree—the toys and fruits and sweetmeats, but most marvelous of all the tiny lighted candles in various colors.

Billy Delaney III.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 23.—Followers of pugilism are expressing considerable concern here today over the condition of Billy Delaney, veteran trainer and manufacturer of world's champions, who is confined to his Oakland home with a severe attack of liver trouble. Mrs. Delaney declares that the condition of her husband is not dangerous.

Stahl Reinstated.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—Fur-giveness and reinstatement to organized baseball by the national commission is announced today for Garland (Jake) Stahl, mentioned as probable manager of the Boston Americans next year. Stahl violated a rule of the national commission in failing to report to the Boston club last season.

CHURCHES ARE ALL TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Trees Are to Be Features of Various Entertainments—Sacred Concerts Have Been Arranged in Many Churches.

PASTORS TO TELL OF THE GLORIOUS NATIVITY

Methodist Church Held Tree Last Evening to Avoid Conflict With Other Churches.

All the churches of Medford will observe Christmas in a most fitting manner. There will be Christmas trees and special programs together with sermons appropriate to the occasion.

The Methodist Episcopal church Sunday school held its exercises last night. A Christmas tree was very much in evidence and was a very pretty sight when met the eyes of the little folk as they entered the church door. The church was filled and the exercises were exceptionally good, consisting of songs, recitations and Christmas cheer speeches by several of the older members of the school.

Sunday evening there will be given a specially prepared sacred concert. This will comprise solos and quartets by some of the best musical talent of the church.

The Christian church Sunday school will hold its exercises tonight. There will be a tree and fine program. This will be at 7:30 o'clock and will consist of recitations and

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The Beauty of Partitions



Is to have them perfect in fit and finish, and, consequently, in appearance. Our work in this class always looks as if made to order and not like scamped work that would fit any other room just as well. None but the best hard and soft woods used in all our millwork



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