

## BUSINESS WAS GOOD

### Christmas Trade Is Reported as Better Than That of Last Year

#### What the Merchants of Klamath Falls Have to Say With Reference to the Holiday Business as Compared With Last Year--Buy Higher Priced Goods

According to the statements of the leading business men of Klamath Falls the hard times story is a fable. The merchants are unanimous in their report of an excellent Christmas business, which greatly surpassed that of last year. The prevailing statement is to the effect that higher priced goods were purchased this year and that people made their selections earlier in the season than here before. There was a greater demand for more expensive and useful articles, and presents took the form of silver, stoves, furniture, clothing and articles of that nature, while the petty ornamental goods had a slow sale.

It is a significant fact that the merchants doing the best business are those who advertise systematically. It is only another proof that in order to do the business a merchant must let the people know what he has or does and the man who advertises is the one who sells the goods. Following is what a few of the merchants have to say on this year's Holiday trade:

**F. L. Houston, of the K. K. K. Store:** "This has been the banner year. We have sold more goods than any time since we have been in business. We had all that we could handle. It would have been necessary to have had more room to have done more business."

**S. Sugarman, of the Portland Store:** "We had a fine business this year. Nothing I have learned. The people want the better class of goods. We cleaned out our stock of high priced suits and furnishings and have had to place orders for an almost entirely new stock. I could have sold a great deal more if I had had the stock, but am perfectly satisfied with this year's business as it was away ahead of last year."

**L. Jacobs, of the Boston Store:** "We did a fine business. We were somewhat handicapped by not getting moved into our new building as expected, and although we were crowded with one immense stock in the old building, we did the business and were kept busy every minute. Our business was ever so much greater than a year ago. I do not believe that we would have found the time to move if the new building had been

ready before as business was too good to stop to move."

**G. Heikemper, Jr., Jeweler:** "I sold more goods and did a greater amount of business this year than last. I was surprised that there was such a demand for high class goods. I had a large number of individual sales of from \$50 to \$100, which is surprising in a town of this size. As a rule the people did their shopping earlier this year than before."

**H. J. Winters, Jeweler:** "I sold fully one-third more goods this year than I did last. Business was fine and people seemed to know just what they wanted. I am perfectly satisfied with the share of business I received."

**Thad McHattan, Jeweler:** "Business was just fine. Of course, it wouldn't mean anything to me to tell how much better my business was than last Christmas as I had 10 times as much goods this year and they were all the latest things and best on the market. My store has also been enlarged and I have had a chance to display my goods. I did better than I expected so I am satisfied."

**F. M. White, of the Star Drug Store:** "We did a good business this year. The people this year bought much earlier than usual. Our most noticeable increase was in our mail order and country business. This was much greater than ever before."

**W. H. Dulaney, of the Monarch Mercantile Company:** "We did a fine business. This is the first year that our store has been running in Klamath Falls, and I am more convinced than ever before that the people of this city appreciate the convenience of a modern market. We have tried to give the people everything that they could obtain in the markets in the cities and we have had no trouble selling the goods. If one was to judge from the amount and quality of goods sold, we could prove that the people here are good buyers. You wouldn't believe it if I told you how many hundreds of turkeys alone we sold for Christmas dinners. We have had a good business ever since we opened up but during the holidays it was a hummer."

It was impossible to see all the merchants but a general report is that this month's business has been good. Even the hardware store and places handling staples report an increase in sales.

## MEXICO'S CIGARETTE BILL OVER 30 MILLIONS.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 25.—If the cigarettes smoked in Mexico during the last 12 months were placed end to end they would form a string which would reach from earth to moon and half way back again. In the same manner they would make a belt which would reach around the earth at the equator nearly 16 times.

These statistics are gathered from the official report made by the tax collector for the entire republic of Mexico. The figures are simply stupendous and show that probably more cigarettes are smoked in Mexico than in any country in the world.

The report of the collector of revenue shows that 749,332 kilograms of tobacco per month were used by the various factories of Mexico, or a total of 91,719,918 kilograms per annum. All the tobacco except 1,000,000 kilograms were used in the manufacture of cigarettes. There are a total of 467 factories in Mexico.

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## NEWS FROM POKEGAMA.

**E. L. Coburn spent Christmas week at his home in Grants Pass.**

**Mrs. Amter left Monday for Cottonwood, Calif., where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter.**

**V. Griffith killed a panther last week a few miles from his home.**

**Ruth and Minnie Griffith were thrown from their buggy one day this week, the horse getting scared at a log. Miss Ruth was kicked quite severely in the chest. Otherwise no damage was sustained. They are now riding horseback.**

**Supt. H. H. Edmonds has gone to Los Angeles where he will spend the winter.**

**Joe Frizzell and wife have gone to Portland to spend the holidays with their children there. P. E. Frulan came up from Thrall as substitute motorman during Mr. Frizzell's absence.**

**W. A. Brown, Chas. Walker and Ed. Way sledged over to Spencer's last week for some duck hunting. They returned Sunday with a bag of thirty ducks.**

**Miss Loraine has been quite seriously ill. At this writing she is reported convalescing.**

**The school is closed for one week during the holidays.**

**N. H. Fennel is clerk in the store here during the absence of E. L. Coburn.**

## ROSEBURG SHERIFF FINDS NO WHISKEY EITHER.

Prompted by complaints growing out of numerous cases of drunkenness, Sheriff E. Fenton and a force of seven deputies late Saturday night raided all of Roseburg's near-beer establishments, eight in number, in search of anti-temperance beer and stronger liquor. No whiskey or wines were found by the officers, but samples of bottled beer were taken from each place visited, and these will be examined as to their alcoholic percentage, which, if in excess of 3 per cent, comes within the pale of the prohibition law. If any arrests are to be made they will probably be at the instance of the grand jury, which meets January 11, 1909.

**Silverware:** In order that all may indulge in a little silverware we will make a price of 20 per cent off on all of the five leading brands, Rogers Bros., Reed & Barton, Holmes & Edwards, Wallace and Community, in all of the new styles, Vintage, Charter Oak, Classic and Louis XVI. Remember one-fifth off and the guarantee of the BALDWIN HARDWARE COMPANY. 21

## SIR THOMAS LIPTON WILL HAVE TO HURRY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—It seems practically certain that there will be no international yacht race next year, inasmuch as the time limit surrounding the deed of gift has practically expired. It is stipulated in the deed of gift that at least 19 months' notice of a challenge be given, while no race shall be held between November 1 and May 1. This would make it necessary for the New York Yacht Club to receive a challenge before the end of this month, which is considered so improbable in yachting circles that the belief of no race in 1909 has become an accepted fact.

The reason that there will be no international race during the coming year is attributed principally to the failure of the New York Yacht Club to agree to certain changes in the rules governing the construction of boats which have been suggested from time to time by Sir Thomas Lipton, who stood ready to challenge if such changes were agreed upon.

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## BONANZA BULLETIN ITEMS.

At a called meeting of the town council Monday a 15 mill tax was levied for the payment of current expenses of the town of Bonanza.

Last Saturday H. F. Swingle was in town from Klamath Falls, where he had been after a valuable express package. This package contained two well bred dogs which he and Ivan Kilgore had purchased in Herrick, Ill. The dogs are fox hound and blood hound stock, one-half strain each, and are trained to trail game. They cost the boys \$100 besides the expressage and Mr. Swingle says they can get their money's worth in cougar and wild cat scalps in a month's time. Holly is as proud of the dogs as a little boy with his first pair of red top boots.

Thomas Jackson of Fort Klamath, who has been here for the past ten days, has bought the shingle machine and boiler and engine of Wm. Bassett, which was used a short time last summer at the Slack saw mill. Bert Doan and Geo. Bagley loaded the machinery Monday and will take it to Fort Klamath where Mr. Jackson will install it for next season's run.

This morning as James Colahan was walking along behind a load of ice he stepped into the wagon track and twisted his foot so that he broke all the bones in his right ankle. He was taken to his home and Dr. Traux was called, who reduced the fracture and it will be two months before Mr. Colahan will be able to walk.

Last Friday while Wm. Duval and J. H. Lindsay were hunting on Miller Creek their dogs got on the trail of two cougars and soon had them treed. Mr. Duval being on hand with his trusty rifle soon brought the varmints to the ground. The largest measured 3 1/2 feet in length from tip to tip and the other 7 1/4 feet.

## MONEY SUBSCRIBED TO PAY STEEL'S EXPENSES.

The City Council of Medford has appropriated \$250 to pay a portion of the traveling expenses of Will G. Steel to Washington, where he will urge an appropriation for the construction of the Crater Lake road. The County Court of Jackson County will also appropriate \$250, making a total of \$500, the necessary amount.

The Boston Store is being moved today to the new Jacobs building on the corner of Main and Third streets. An extra force of ten men will assist tonight and it will probably be late in the morning before the immense stock of goods will be all moved to the new location.

SKATES, SKATES SKATES, \$1.00 to \$5.00 per pair. BALDWIN HARDWARE COMPANY.

Miss Lola Thompson, the teacher in Plevna district, and her sister, spent Christmas with their relatives near Lost River.

Blanche Foster returned home this week from Ashland, and will visit with her parents at Round Lake.

## INHUMAN TREATMENT

### Man Refuses Shelter to Woman and Child Lost and Freezing in Snow

#### Mrs. Schofield Has Desperate Trip Coming Across Mountains from Ashland to Klamath Falls--Loses Way and Is Nearly Frozen to Death

Mrs. Helen Schofield and son, Lewis, of Ashland, had an experience which they will not soon forget and one that may permanently injure the health of Mrs. Schofield.

Mrs. Schofield is a sister of Eldon Dennis, who lives on the Summers place. She and her little boy left Ashland last Thursday for Klamath County to spend Christmas with her brother. They came by wagon and reached the DeCarlo place in the afternoon. Thinking that they could get to Parker's before night they came on, but in the snow missed the main road and turned off on the prairie road. It was dark before they realized that they had lost their way but they kept going thinking that they would come to some place where they might stop over night.

They were finally stopped by a log across the road. Mrs. Schofield got out of the wagon to find a way around the tree and discovered a cabin near the road. She went to the door and knocked and it was opened by a man. She asked to be allowed to stay there all night, but the man refused. She was nearly overcome with the cold and begged for him to let her and the boy come in and get warm, but he refused to do that. She even got down on her knees in the snow and begged him not to turn her away, but the only thing she received were curses.

She went back to the wagon and tried to unhitch the horses. She returned to the cabin again and asked if they couldn't stay in the barn. This was refused and the woman was told to get out of there. She then went back and managed to get the horses loose. Putting the little boy on one of the horses she started to return to DeCarlo's, nearly five miles back. They were both so exhausted that they could hardly cling to the horses, and the woman's hands and feet were numb. They finally reached the ranch late at night after traveling through the heavy snow. Mrs. Schofield's feet, legs and arms were found to be frozen, and the DeCarlos worked with her all night. The next day she was brought on to this city and is now stopping with her brother.

Her feet and arms are badly swollen and she still suffers from the exposure. The DeCarlos knew the man from whom she sought shelter, but his name could not be learned here, or anything about him.

## SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held in the several churches of Klamath Falls Sunday as follows:

**Grace Methodist Episcopal Church** Sabbath school 10 a. m., with classes for all ages. Subject: "The Quarterly Review. 11:00—Morning worship with sermon. Subject: "His Last Command." 7:00—Epworth League. The last service for the year. A full attendance is expected. 7:30—Praise and evangelistic service. Subject: "Our Present Responsibility."

Both the morning and evening services will be of a missionary character and an offering will be taken for that cause.

The public is cordially invited. Seats are free. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." J. W. PRICE, Pastor.

**Presbyterian Church**—The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the morning worship. In the evening at 7:30 there will be a praise service. A chorus of twenty voices, under the direction of J. B. Mason, will sing the "Gloria in Excelsis," from the Twelfth Mass, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah.

The Week of Prayer, to be observed by the churches of the city untedly, begins Jan 3rd.

Special Evangelistic services to be conducted by the Rev. Adam Mermon, of Chicago, will begin on Jan. 10th. Watch for further announcements.

GEO. T. PRATT, Pastor.

**Baptist Services**—Sabbath School at 10 a. m.; morning worship, 11 a. m. B.Y.P.U. at 7:20 p. m.; evening worship, 8 p. m.

REV. J. B. GRIFFITH, Pastor.

**Christian Science Services** will be held in the Baldwin Building Sunday December 27, at 11 a. m. Subject: "Christal Science."

**Church of Sacred Heart**—Mass daily at 7:30; Sundays at 10:30 a. m.

Ten cases of pictures received this morning. They are mostly oil paintings. Call and see them. Dolbeer. 23

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