

Happy Christmas for Aged Artist

Finds Fairy Spirit Shines Behind Gloom and Cold of the World.

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

RIGHT as ever, and striking his cane sharply upon the pavement as he strode along, the old man was a distinguished figure amid the hurrying Christmas crowds. He pressed on like a contradiction of the Christmas spirit.

They were more real than the pictures that hung upon his walls, for it is the artistic atmosphere of the day that determines the light in which its art shall be viewed, and these works of the past had become only memorials to the present to which he had come.

But the present realities of the past are as helpless as the old-fashionedness of the present to succor fainting mortality, and the old artist had to confess on that Christmas eve that he was not only hungry, but rather hopelessly so.

Mr. Blavatsky's question room was not very far away, and there was a daily slaughter of helpless pictures there. But this massacre of innocents their father could not consent to; he felt ready to starve first.

Then certain publishers had offered something for a set of skeletons, but in order that they might reproduce them upon a reduced scale, which was intolerable to his artistic pride.

So that "The Solitary Pine" whispered to "The Old Meeting House" that it looked as though they would all go down together.

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Not Too Late for Merry Christmas

Trip Home From Dance and a Hard Jolt for Russwin and Caroline.

By ELEANOR E. KING

THE moon rose clear and bright over a freshly snow-laden world. It was the evening of the big Christmas dance at the Trunkerville town hall, an event in which old and young all over the countryside participated.

The couples fairly flew around the hall, some spry, others not quite so nimbly. Nevertheless, there was an heroic effort about it that was appealing, to say the least.

The couples fled out of the hall, Caroline and Russwin were the last to leave. Arm in arm, apparently sufficient unto themselves, deeply engrossed in an all-absorbing conversation, they approached a small car parked near the hall.

"Engine's a little cold," apologized Russwin as the car alternately coughed and choked, getting up speed. "That was a great dance. Always seems so good to see all the old college fellows back home. I never regret my four years, even if I did have to leave you. Yes," laughingly he slipped his arm around Caroline as she nodded her assent.

Suddenly a car with glaring headlights came around the bend in the road, blinding Russwin's eyes. Trying to avoid hitting the approaching car which was coming at high speed, he turned out some little distance. Almost before he knew what had hap-



The Old Artist Had to Confess That He Was Hungry.

pened the car was sliding down the slippery snowbank. It landed in the bottom of the ditch, and with a great lunge turned onto its side.

Caroline caught at Russwin's strong arm. She uttered not a sound, but gradually, as the car turned, her grasp relaxed and she formed merely a limp little heap along with seat cushions and other accessories which all tumbled into a pile on the inside of the car.

Russwin's only thought was of Caroline. She made no reply to Russwin as he endeavored to free her. He wondered if she had been made unconscious by the awful jolt, or killed outright.

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His Word for It Where Mister Christmas takes his stand. He tells you: "Here's your happy land! And though I only spend the day, 'charm Life's wrinkles all away!"

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS There are a number of property owners that have not connected with city sewer. This will absolutely have to be done and done at once.

ANNOUNCEMENT In the future the Bank of Vernonia will be open the second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month from 6:30 to 8 p. m.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Ida M. Allen, deceased.

M. Allen, deceased, by Hon. John Phillip, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, and has qualified.

HARRY N. ALLEN, Administrator Lester Sheeley, attorney for administrator. Dated and first published, December 11th, 1925.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that assessments have been levied for the construction of street and storm sewer improvements in Improvement District No. Three (3) of the City of Vernonia, Columbia county, Oregon and that same were entered in the docket of City Liens on the 5th day of December, 1925, the number

of letter of each lot, part of lot, or parcel of land assessed and the number or letter of the Block in which the same is situated, and the name of the owners thereof and the sums assessed upon such lots, parts of lots or parcels of land being as follows:

Table with columns: Owner of Record, Block, Lot, Addition, Amount of Assessment. Lists various property owners and their assessed amounts.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that assessments have been levied for the construction of street and storm sewer improvements in Improvement District No. Two (2) of the City of Vernonia, Columbia county, Oregon, and that same were entered in the docket of City Liens on the 5th day of December, 1925, the number or

letter of each lot, part of lot, or parcel of land assessed and the number or letter of the block in which the same is situated, and the name of the owners thereof and the sums assessed upon such lots, parts of lots or parcels of land being as follows:

ASSESSMENT ROLL Improvement District No. 2 Vernonia, Oregon.

Table with columns: Owner of Record, Block, Lot, Addition, Amount of Assessment. Lists property owners and assessed amounts for District No. 2.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that assessments have been levied for the construction of street and storm sewer improvements in Improvement District No. Four (4) of the City of Vernonia, Columbia county, Oregon, and that same were entered in the docket of City Liens on the 5th day of December, 1925, the number or

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ASSESSMENT ROLL Improvement District No. 4 Vernonia, Oregon.

Table with columns: Owner of Record, Block, Lot, Addition, Amount of Assessment. Lists property owners and assessed amounts for District No. 4.

Father Sage Says. If you drive recklessly you'll have an accident sooner or later; if you drive carefully, some reckless driver will hit you. Moral: They get it either way! The objection that the silver dollar wears holes in your pocket is entirely untrue. It never stays there long enough.

The foregoing assessments are now due and payable, and if not paid within ten days from the last publication of this notice will become delinquent. Property owners who desire to avail themselves of the privilege of paying their assessments in installments under the provisions of Sections 3788 to 3796, Oregon Laws, commonly referred to as the "Bank-