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ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

A query in the Portland Oregonian asks: How did Christmas originate and how did it become a holiday? Also how did New Year's become a holiday? Answer: 'Christmas is the festival of the nativity of Christ. The earliest identification of December 25 with the birth of Christ is in a passage written about 180 A. D. Evidence shows that celebrations were held on that date in the fourth and fifth centuries in the churches ordered the day celebrated in memory of Christ's birth. "Observance of the first day of the year is of ancient origin. The Romans on this day were accustomed to exchange greetings and make presents. The church at the time of the Caesars made the day a Christian festival."

Our fellow townsman, D. MacLafferty, was not satisfied with this answer and replied to the Oregonian as follows:

Replying to Subscriber as to the origin of Christmas I think you have not fully answered the question. While December 25, or Christmas, as it is called, is universally observed as the birth of Christ, yet it is generally conceded that it cannot possibly be the nativity of our Savior, for it is then the height of the rainy (or winter) season in Judea, and the shepherds would hardly be watching their flocks by night in the plains. But as this date is generally accepted as the birth of the Lord, we naturally enquire how it came about.

"During the early centuries of the Christian era, the church, in order to facilitate the conversion of the heathen, brought in with them many of their heathen rites and ceremonies, among them the old German yule festival, celebrating the return of the winter solstice, or as they called it, the return of the great fiery sunwheel on the 25th of December, a species of sun worship. Thus Christian Rome took over Pagan Rome with this heathen festival and revamped it into the Christmas or the Christ mass, and so we have it handed down to us through the Protestant churches of today. The observance of Sunday and Easter came to us from the same source and in the same way.

"True, the Christmas festival is very beautiful in its expression and we all enjoy its good cheer, but it harks back to paganism and the dark ages.

"This is all a matter of history, and may be verified by anyone who chooses to look up the evidence."
"D MacLAFFERTY."

Early Millionaire

Brand Gordon of Falmouth, Va., who is said to have made a fortune by the sudden rise in the price of tobacco when the War of 1812 threatened to cut off Europe's supply of Virginia tobacco, may be said to have been the first American millionaire. Gordon is credited with the possession of the first million dollars in cash, although several earlier Americans were worth more than that amount in lands or merchandise.

Old Musical Instrument

The Jewish shophar, a ram's horn usually straightened and flattened, is the only ancient musical instrument actually preserved in the Mosiac ritual and the oldest wind instrument known to be retained in present use in the world. It is still sounded by the Jews on the New Year and on the Day of Atonement. It is first named in the Bible as sounding when the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai.

Woods That Sink

The common foreign woods that will sink in water when thoroughly dry are: Greenheart, mora, West Indian stamwood, cocos wood, Pernambuco wood, various eucalyptus, African blackwood, black ebony, African oak, cocobola, rosewood, snakewood, partridge wood, black ironwood and ebony.

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



HE'S ALL AROUND

"How is it I never can find you when I want you?" asked the office manager. "First you're in the stockroom, then in the factory, then down in the shipping department, and now here you are up on the roof. What's the big idea?" "Well," answered the new office boy, "you advertised for an all-around boy—and that's me."—Christian Science Monitor.

DAD LEARNS SO MUCH



Dad—There's great advantage in having a son in college.
Friend—How so?
Dad—I learn so much.

Unreasonable Impulse

Manhood is not adjusted right. Conditions allow wuz so; Nobody really wants to fight. Yet everybody does so!

In Action

Traveler—Yes, just as I was settled comfortably in my tent I heard the screech and yowl of a wild cat.
Friend—Why didn't you serve it as you do the cats at home and throw your shoe at it?
Traveler—Because my shoes were extremely busy about that time.

A New Synonym

Brown recognized a friend in the cafeteria. "Hello, Jim," he said. "What are you lurching on today?" "Efficiency."
"Quit your kidding! What d'you mean, efficiency?"
"Everything in one movement of the elbow—hash!"

Baffling

Mrs. Bjones—Harry runs our car almost day and night.
Mrs. Smiff—Oh, I wouldn't think of letting our Clifford run the car. He might get a flat tire and his lungs are so weak I'm afraid he'd never get it blown up again.—Pathfinder.

HARD LUCK



Disconsolate Wooden Soldier—How can a fellow "end it all" when he won't sink?

Inventors, Notice!

Now will that clever dispenser of Joy Who gave mother a permanent wave, Give us a permanent bath for the boy And father a permanent shaver?

Lexicography

"What's an appendix, Tommy?"
"An appendix is part of a dictionary."
"Taint, either. It's what my Uncle Robert had cut out of him."
"Well, I guess maybe he swallowed his own words sometime."

High Finance

First Broker—Flip a dime to see who puts up the \$50,000 in this deal. Hends I pay and tails it costs you!
Second Broker—All right, only I'm going to flip a penny—I might lose the dime.

By the Way

Hired Man—I wanna go in town to-day to get my watch fixed.
Farmer—You don't need no watch. Use a calendar instead.—Detroit News.

City Dray Line

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30x3 1/2 Cords..... \$ 9.50
31x4 1/2 ply Cords..... 16.50
33x4 1/2 ply Cords..... 18.50
2 1/2 x 4.40 balloon..... 11.50
30x5. 8 ply Truck..... 32.00
32x4 1/2 Truck..... 27.00
Here and these prices
Ford radiator..... 13.50
Ford tops..... 6.50
Ford side curtains, set..... 7.00
Chev. tops..... 11.00
Tire chains, anti freeze, radiator covers, car heaters, etc.

Parker Tire Shop

Ontario, Oregon

Explains Lack of Fossils

The geological survey says that the sandhills of Nebraska are mostly wind-blown sands derived from the Tertiary formations. It may be possible for fossils to have been washed by streams to this section, but the lack of fossils is due to the fact that they are too heavy to be carried by winds.

Important Elements

Vitamins is a term proposed by C. Funk to include the peculiar health-giving and disease-preventing element in the rice grain. It is probable that other vitamins will be discovered by future investigations.

No Such Thing

"Easy payments" are in the same class with "painless extractions."—Wall Street Journal.

Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County In the Matter of the Estate of A. D. Brough, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and is acting and qualified Administrator of the Estate of said A. D. Brough, deceased.

All persons having any claim against the estate of the said deceased are hereby notified to present the same to me at my office in Ontario, Oregon, duly verified as required by law within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice

C. McGINAGILL, Administrator of the Estate of A. D. Brough, Deceased. Date of first publication, Jan. 28 1927 Date of last publication, Feb. 25, 1927

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary A. Closson, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of the county court of the State of Oregon, County of Malheur, administrator of the estate of said Mary A. Closson, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the estate of said deceased, to present them, duly verified as provided by law, within six months after publication of this notice to said administrator at the office of E. M. Blodgett, in the Town of Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, that being the place hereby designated where said administrator will receive said claims.

George Closson, Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Closson, Deceased. E. M. Blodgett, Attorney for Administrator. First publication January 21, 1927. Last publication February 18, 1927.

FARMERS!

This is the season of the year to get your harness oiled and repaired ready for the spring work. We do first class work and guarantee satisfaction.

Auto Tops Repaired Taxidermist Work

Ross Parkinson
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SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING
HOT AND COLD BATHS
Roy Pounds, Prop.
Nyssa Oregon

REVIEW OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Solution of State's Financial Difficulties Overshadows All Other Legislation.

Governor Has Finance Program—Split Session Proposed—Old Age Pension Bill Introduced—May Abolish Voters' Primary Pamphlet—Would Re-establish Poll Tax.

Salem. — When the legislature assembled for the fourth week of the session there was little to its credit in the way of important measures passed up to the governor for his signature aside from the bills turning over the management of the penitentiary to the state board of control.

Apparently the question which overshadows all others is that of taxation. Although a number of revenue bills have been introduced no concrete program affecting the state's finances has been evolved. Among the important revenue measures before the house are those providing for a tax on corporate excess; a 5 mills tax on intangibles—money and credits; for readjustments of assessments on property; the "tithing bill" taking 5 per cent of the gross revenue of money making boards and departments, and three income tax bills.

Representatives of the public utilities and farmers conferred in Salem last week in an effort to solve the taxation problem, and a committee was appointed consisting of Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner; R. A. Shumway, representing agriculture, and John A. Laing, representing the utilities.

Submits Finance Program

Governor Patterson took a hand in the matter last week when he announced that he would send a special message to the legislature submitting a finance program for their approval. It was the general belief when the governor made his announcement that he favored a tax on intangibles, a corporate excess tax, a motion picture tax and diverting a percentage of the money collected by boards and commissions to the general fund.

It is quite possible that before the session ends a resolution may be passed referring to the people the repeal of the 6 per cent tax limitation, which is now a handicap in raising revenue. The house has already passed a joint resolution to submit the matter to the people and it is believed the senate will adopt the resolution.

A bill proposing to replace on the assessment roll all household furniture was killed by the house.

It is believed that most of the appropriation bills will be in shape to dump into the legislative hopper this week. This would insure passage of these bills during the fifth week of the session.

The special committee to investigate the state textbook commission will probably return its findings in a few days on the basis of testimony received at the public hearing last week. A complete acquittal of the commission is expected.

Would Abolish Parole Officer

An administration bill requested by Governor Patterson providing for abolition of the state parole board probably will be introduced in the house this week. If this bill is approved, applications for parole will be considered by the state board of control. The bill also would abolish the office of state parole officer, which carries a salary of \$125 a month.

Plans for a split session of the legislature will be outlined in a bill presented to the legislature during the week by Representatives Olson and German of Multnomah county. The measure will provide two weeks during which bills which it is desired to consider may be introduced. Then the session will adjourn for two weeks and members will come together again for a month following the recess.

The house adopted a house joint resolution providing for appointment of a committee to confer with similar committees from Washington and California legislatures on a uniform income tax for the three states.

An annual tax of 50 cents per kilowatt on all hydro-electric power manufactured and sold in Oregon is required in a bill which Edward Schumacher of Washington county introduced in the house.

Senate Memorial Adopted

The senate voted to adopt a memorial introduced by Senator Joseph urging congress to act favorably upon pending legislation which would authorize early development of the Umatilla rapids project. Copies of the memorial were ordered sent to Oregon's delegation in Washington.

Attorney-General Van Winkle, in a letter to President Corbett of the senate, held that either house of the legislature has authority to order investigations. It was held that the legislature has authority to appropriate funds for the cost of such investigations.

The attorney-general said that the

authorities were divided on the question of whether the legislature could compel the attendance of witnesses. He said that in cases of investigations authority should be conferred by statute.

Would Create District Courts

Following a compromise reached between members of the house seeking and opposing an increase in the salary of circuit judges from \$4000 to \$6000 a year, the house by a vote of 40 to 17 passed a bill providing for a salary of \$5000.

The house indefinitely postponed Representative Swan's resolution providing that no bills increasing salaries during the incumbency of the official be considered.

Governor Patterson, during his inaugural message, insisted that the salaries of public officials ought not to be increased during the terms for which they had been elected.

Creation of district courts in counties of more than 1500 and of less than 100,000 population is proposed in a bill introduced in the senate. The court would consist of not less than one judge, to be elected for a term of six years.

An old-age pension bill introduced in the house provides that the pensioner must be at least 65 years old and without any income or property, directly or indirectly; must have been a resident of the United States for at least 15 years and of Oregon for 10 years.

A resolution introduced in the senate authorizes the election of a lieutenant-governor who would serve as president of the state senate. He would receive compensation at the rate of \$15 a day while serving in this capacity.

Free Counties From Road Costs

A state song, "Oregon, My Oregon," would be adopted officially under a resolution offered by Senator Butler.

Counties through which state highways pass would be relieved of all expense in connection with construction or maintenance of the same if a bill introduced into the senate as a roads and highways committee bill is enacted by law.

In two bills passed by the senate counties are relieved from any expense connected with the construction of bridges and overhead and undergrade crossings on state highways.

The house committee on roads and automobiles is adverse to making any change in the present law covering the fees or taxes assessed against bus and truck line operators. The committee voted unanimously to report "do not pass" on a house bill which would change the present scheme of taxation by levying a 2 per cent tax on gross revenues of the operators and also give a certificate of necessity and public convenience to such operator.

The voters' pamphlet circulated throughout the state to all voters preliminary to primary election will be discontinued if the step taken by the house members is followed through.

Movie Tax Proposed

Every theatre, motion picture house, or concert hall in cities or towns of over 1000 population would be forced to pay a minimum license fee of \$100 if house bill 252, introduced in the house, becomes a law. An additional \$100 would be levied for every increase of 250 in seating capacity. The bill would exempt school houses, libraries, lodges, halls and other places used principally for religious, educational, fraternal or public purposes.

In a house luxury bill, theater tickets are taxed direct, along with lipsticks, boxes of candy, tickets for professional athletic events and other things.

The house approved with only ten dissenting votes the bill for the state highway department to go into the business of building a toll road to Tillamook over the Wilson river route.

The house adopted a house joint resolution which would repeal that section of the state constitution permitting the state to guarantee interest on irrigation district bonds for a period of five years. The measure, if adopted by the senate, must be submitted to the people.

Appointment of this official will be left entirely in the hands of the governor.

Commercial Car Tax Continued

The house defeated a senate bill which would have repealed the peddlers' license tax. The vote was 39 to 19 for indefinite postponement.

Immediately on killing the senate bill the house passed a bill which would continue the 50 per cent additional license tax on commercial cars operating beyond a radius of five miles from an incorporated city, but would relieve traveling salesmen from paying the additional fee.

A poll tax would be re-established in Oregon under a bill introduced in the house. All residents would pay a head tax of \$3 under the terms of the La Follett bill. The bill fails to specify any penalty for violation.

The house joined the senate in adopting a resolution providing for observance of the 200th anniversary of George Washington.

Repeal of the federal inheritance tax law was urged in a memorial approved by unanimous vote of the senate.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.

Eleanor Park, Plaintiff, vs. Graham Park, Defendant.
To Graham Park, the above named defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you will hereby take notice that you are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons, and if you fail to do so, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the Complaint on file herein, to-wit: for a judgment and decree of this court dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant and for a decree of absolute divorce and for a decree determining that plaintiff shall have the sole and exclusive care, custody and control of the two minor children, Alexander Graham Park and Charles Rankin Park, and that it be further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple title of:

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, Twp. 18 South, Range 47, E. W. M.; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, Twp. 18 South, Range 47, E. W. M.; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, Twp. 18 South, Range 47, E. W. M.; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 16, Twp. 18 South, Range 47, E. W. M.

and that defendant has no right, title or interest therein and that said property be set aside to plaintiff as her sole and exclusive property and necessary for the support and care of the minor children, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you under and by virtue of an order of the Honorable Dalton Biggs, Circuit Judge, duly made and entered on January 4th, 1927, authorizing and directing service of summons and complaint upon you by publication of summons in the Gate City Journal, a weekly newspaper published at Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, and of general circulation in said county and state, for six consecutive weeks and seven publications thereof. R W Swagler, Attorney for Plaintiff, Residing at Ontario, Oregon.

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ALIEN SUMMONS

Equity No. 3566
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.

George L. Phillips, Plaintiff, vs. Randall Sage; G. H. Ross; J. W. Robinson; George Robinson; H. Y. Blackwell; Consolidated Wagon & Machine Company, a corporation; C. C. Cotton; Bank of Nyssa, a corporation; Frank C. Brawwell, Superintendent of Bank for Oregon; First National Bank of Hanford, California, a corporation; Idaho Power Company, a corporation; Malheur County Bank, a corporation; Five Stock State Bank, of Portland, Oregon, a corporation, Defendants.

To J. W. Robinson George Robinson, Consolidated Wagon & Machine Company and First National Bank of Hanford, California, Defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff herein, filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which date is January 28, 1927, and if you fail to so appear or answer, for want thereof the plaintiff herein will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit:

For judgment against you for the principal sum of \$4,303.89 and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from October 11, 1920, and the further sum of \$500.00 attorney's fees and for his costs and disbursements herein; for a decree of this court foreclosing that certain real mortgage of date October 11, 1920, recorded in Book 2, page 88 of real mortgage records of Malheur County Oregon, and given on NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 28, T. 18 S., R. 47, E. W. M., in Malheur County, Oregon, to secure the payment of a promissory note for the principal sum of \$4303.89 and of even date therewith, and for an order of this court directing the sale of the mortgaged property, and the application of the proceeds of such sale in payment of the mortgaged debt.

This summons is served upon you by an order of the above entitled court, by the Hon. Dalton Biggs, Judge thereof, and of date January 20, 1927, directing service of this summons to be made upon you by publication thereof in the Gate City Journal, a weekly newspaper published in the Town of Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, for a period of six consecutive weeks and seven consecutive issues of said paper.

WM. E. LEES,

Attorney for Plaintiff residing at Ontario, Oregon.
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