

MERIDIAN CONTRIBUTORS

The following is a list of the United War Work contributors in the Meridian district. Mrs. C. C. Oldfield and Mrs. Mat Han were the solicitors, who found that every family in the district, except one gave something to the cause:

Frank Campau	\$ 2.00
Frank Albee	2.00
Grant Plants	.25
Mike Bisanz	1.00
Allie Bisanz	1.00
Forest F. Mills	2.00
Joe Bonn Jr.	1.00
Mrs. Lydia Stewart	.50
Carl Oldfield	2.50
T. A. Campau	1.00
Mrs. Jary	.50
Carl Potwin	1.50
Mrs. Mat Han	1.00
Mr. Mat Han	1.00
Geo. Oldfield	2.50

WRAPPING ADDS TO THE GIFT

Home Art Specialist Suggests Use of White Ribbon and Tissue Paper With Bits of Foliage.

The wrapping of a Christmas gift is an expression of the giver as much as the gift itself, asserts Miss Araculita Holman, instructor in home art in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"A pretty gift will lose much of its charm if it is wrapped carelessly," said Miss Holman. "As much care should be taken in the wrapping as in the selection of the gift."

The wrappings should be dainty and inconspicuous, and in harmony with the gift and the sentiment that the giver wishes to accompany the gift. White tissue paper tied with white ribbon with a bit of foliage for color, makes a prettier and neater wrapping than colored paper and colored ribbon. If the gift is to be sent through the mail, the outside wrappings must necessarily be of strong paper, but if tied neatly and securely with tinsel Christmas cord, the package will make an attractive appearance, and at the same time will protect the gift.

Personal touches, such as original sketches on the gift card or a spray of foliage from the region of the giver's home convey a deep sentiment and thoughtfulness on the part of the giver, according to Miss Holman. While holly and mistletoe are the emblematic Christmas foliage, a spray of hemlock, bittersweet, pepper bough, or any pretty native foliage may be used.

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Ma's awful nice to babanow
But wait till Christmas
past
Dad's now-beneath
his breath-
It's sure too good to last.

MOST RADIANT OF ALL DAYS

There Are None Whose Light Has Ever Shone So Far as the Light of Christmas.

Of all the radiant days of the year there are none whose light has ever shone so far as the light of Christmas. For nearly two thousand years it has shone with a light that could never be quenched, and it shines today, serene and fair and steadfast, even though it may be dimmed by the darkening clouds of man-made human conflict, says an exchange.

For a thousand years before the Christian era the Hebrews were looking forward to the light of Christmas. They saw the golden age before them when the Christ should come, and their expectation of a Messiah lighted up the manger at Bethlehem. And then he came; and since then the whole world has been looking both backward and forward to the light of Christmas.

Other days we have that are dear to the human heart, but Christmas is a little dearer than all other days to the heart of grown-up men and women, and infinitely dearer to the hearts of the children. The light of Christmas shines for them all the year round. They hark back to the joys of the Christmas that is past, and they are always looking forward to the light of the Christmas that is to come.

Christmas is the day of days to all humanity, but it belongs essentially to the children. You remember that Christ took a little child and set him in the midst of his disciples, saying: "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven." And that was because a child is so rich in faith and hope and expectations. And because of this faith and hope and expectation the children are always looking forward to Christmas, seeing its light, and anticipating its joys. And so, whatever else we do, let us make the children happy on Christmas. Let us help them to understand the meaning and the spirit of this day of loving and giving, and as far as in us lies, let us all become as little children on Christmas day, remembering that he who gave us the Christmas, himself had the heart of a little child.

Rise, happy morn! Rise, holy morn!
Draw forth the cheerful day from night.
O Father, touch the east and light
The light that shone when hope was born!
—Tennyson.

Maybe—And Maybe Not

The maid was very fair to see,
But staid, and not inclined to folly.
She stood behind the Christmas tree
And gravely hung a wreath of holly.
Himself passed there, by chance, and saw
Her all alone, and straightway lingered;
And she, who had been tranquil—pshaw!
Became at once most butter-fingered!
The mistletoe hung overhead;
(I think I said the maid was fair?)
Her eyes were bright, her lips were red,
And sunbeams glistened in her hair.
The tree was large, the two were hid—
He turned and left her?—Yes, he did!

The maid was very wroth, Oh, dear,
She ran away with cheeks a-flaming
'Twixt anger and a touch of fear,
The scarlet of the holly shaming.
She told her dearest friend, I've heard,
So, shortly, everybody knew it:
The place whereat the deed occurred
Was near, and maidens flocked to view it.
Himself was there, engulfed in gloom,
(And he was also good to see.)
The mistletoe its waxen bloom
Still flaunted for those maid to see;
And so they each one ran and hid,
And scorned to tarry?—Yes, they did!
—Beatrice Barry, In New York Times.

Letting the Neighbors See It.
"Mr. Gilthery gave Mrs. Gilthery a pearl necklace for a Christmas present," remarked Mr. Twobble.
"I've heard about it," answered Mrs. Twobble. "And if it wasn't for the risk, I dare say she'd hang it in a front window of their apartment instead of a holly wreath."

Merely a Pose.
"Those pretty girls who stand beneath the mistletoe pretend they don't know where they are."
"Umph!" replied the heartless cysic. "They'd know in a jiffy if some fellow came along with a harelip."

ROAST GOOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

How to Prepare Fowl Which for Hundreds of Years Has Been Conventional Holiday Dinner Dish.

For hundreds of years goose has been an important conventional Christmas dinner dish. Select a young, tender goose, for its palatability greatly depends on this, one weighing about eight or ten pounds, says an experienced housekeeper.

For the dressing take four cupfuls of hot mashed potatoes, two and one-half tablespoonfuls of finely chopped onions, one cupful of English walnut meats chopped moderately fine; one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one-half cupful of cream, two tablespoonfuls of butter and the yolks of four eggs and a teaspoonful of sage.

Stuff the body with the dressing and sew up the openings. Bring the legs and wings close to the body and tie with a white string, which must be removed just before serving.

Put the goose in the dripping pan with two cupfuls of boiling water and roast for nearly two hours, according to size of fowl, basting often and freely. Remove the goose to a hot platter, pour off the oil in the pan and make a gravy with flour that has been browned. Always serve apple sauce with roast goose.

Select juicy, tart apples and pare, slice and stew with just enough water to keep from burning. When done, rub them through a sieve and add sugar to taste.

GOD'S REVELATION BASIC
(By L. S. Mochel)

There will be Divine Services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a. m. The Sunday school at the 10 o'clock hour was largely attended last Sunday. We trust that both services may be well attended. The very best service that can be rendered to our country for the safety of democracy is the moral and Christian training of which God's revelation is basic. We hope to organize a teacher-training course so that the teachers' work may be more efficient, so that in the reconstruction period, the rising generation may be truly grounded on the truth, and the solid rock of the ages. So, parents, avail yourself of the present day opportunity, and fortify against any more world disasters. Here lies the secret.

TWENTY-CENT HOP CONTRACTS

With the English hop firms offering 20 cents for hops on a three year contract, American prohibition has less terrors for the hop grower who has remained in the business. While the consumption of beer has been greatly reduced in England during the past three years—as a war measure—there is apparently not even a remote possibility of prohibition there for years to come. Hence there is no prohibition bogey in England to frighten the grower and dealer alike out of their wits. Hence the hop merchants of that country are better qualified to pry into the future of the hop industry than are those of America. Apparently they are satisfied that hop culture HAS A FUTURE in England at least, and they are willing to risk their money on their judgment. In England 20 or 25 cents for hops is not a high price, any more than it is in New York. Hence there is nothing unreasonable or startling in three-year 20-cent contracts, and any hop grower who is inclined to remain in the business may well consider such an offer seriously.

JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES

The following are the Justices of the Peace and Constables who were elected November 5 in the districts named:

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| Aurora | |
| Justice | Geo. W. Fry |
| Constable | Chas. Kinzer |
| Donald | |
| Justice | Napoleon Davis |
| Constable | M. DeSart |
| Champoeg | |
| Justice | F. E. Osborne |
| Constable | |
| Gervais | |
| Justice | H. D. Mars |
| Constable | W. M. Bowley |
| Woodburn | |
| Justice | T. F. Hayes |
| Constable | J. W. Kelsey |

W. L. White and son Allen were here Saturday from Union Hill on business.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 109

Entitled an ordinance laying a tax on real and personal property in the city of Aurora, Oregon.

The People of the City of Aurora do ordain as follows:

That a tax amounting to the sum of Eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) be and is hereby levied on the real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City of Aurora, Marion County, Oregon, as shown by the assessment roll of Marion County, Oregon for the year 1918, said tax to be used for general municipal purposes.

Passed and approved by the common council of the City of Aurora, Oregon this fourth day of November 1918.

J. W. SADLER, Mayor
GEO. W. FRY, Recorder
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MAGAZINE PRICES

The Observer will take subscriptions to the following magazines and periodicals at the rates given, but all prices are subject to change without notice.

American Boy	\$ 1.00
(After Nov. 1, \$2.00)	
Boy's Magazine	1.50
Boy's World	.50
Collier's Weekly	2.50
Cosmopolitan	2.00
Delineator	1.50
(After Dec. 15, \$2.00)	
Delineator, 2 years	3.00
(After Dec. 15, \$4.00)	
Designer	1.00
(After Dec. 15, \$1.50)	
Girls Companion	.50
Good Housekeeping	1.50
Harper's Bazaar	3.00
McClure's Magazine, 2 yrs.	3.00
McCall's Magazine	1.00
Modern Priscilla	1.50
Mother's Magazine	2.00

Victorial Review	2.00
Victorial Review, 2 yrs.	3.00
Popular Mechanics	2.00
Review of Reviews	3.00
Today's Housewife	.75
Today's Housewife, 2 yrs.	1.25
Woman's Home Companion	2.00
Woman's Home Companion, 2 yrs	3.00

We can furnish any magazine or periodical at special prices that will save you money—if you are a subscriber to the Observer. In addition we save you the trouble of sending in subscriptions. Ask us for prices on any publication you want.

LOUIS WEBERT
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Fire Insurance
AUROKA OREGON



Bert Miller objects to the statement that Harry West was employed by him at the Aurora Garage last winter, and declares that he refused to employ him when he learned his war-record.

The United States has promised the Allies and the liberated countries of Europe 20,000,000 tons of food stuffs by July 1, 1919. Every family must cut out all food waste if our country is to make that promise good.

It is reported that the judicial honors conferred upon Napoleon Davis, in the Donald justice district, through his election as Justice of the Peace, have been handed right back to the "dear people" from whom all political blessings flow. Mr. Davis, it is said, refuses to qualify for the office. Hence we shall be denied the privilege of "good morning, your honor," or "Howdy Judge."

FIRS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

Thousands of Balsams Supplied by New England to Cities of East and Midwest.

Most of the tinsel-covered trees that are set up each Christmas season in the homes of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, it has been found, are balsam firs, and many of the selected specimens are even shipped comparatively long distances from their places of growth to Chicago and the cities of the middle West.

While the balsam fir is popular as a Christmas tree on account of its symmetrical and practically perfect conical shape, it is in growing demand for a variety of uses. Its white, straight-grained wood has come to be used more and more in the manufacture of toys that hang from the branches of its younger fellows and from the branches of the other evergreens that are widely used in many parts of the country.

The wood of the balsam fir is used to a large extent, also, in the manufacture of excelsior, of which thousands of tons are used each holiday season for the packing of gifts that are sent by express and mail. The balsam fir is the source, too, of the wood from which are made many of the food containers, such as fruit baskets and butter boxes, in which materials for the Christmas dinner are brought to the market, the tastefulness of the wood making it unsurpassed for such uses. Finally, the balsam fir is being increasingly used for the manufacture of paper, and this, wrapped around thousands of holiday packages, adds still another chapter to the list of the tree's almost indispensable usefulness as a factor in Christmas observances.

SEND THE HOME PAPER

Among those who have sent the local paper to boys in the service are the following:

- W. J. Flick, 5 subscriptions.
- John Pugh, Jr. 2 do.
- Geo. Miller, 3 do.
- A. H. Giesy, 2 do.
- Mrs. L. A. Kinyon, 1 do.
- Mrs. A. J. Deetz, 1 do.
- D. A. Keil, 1 do.
- Jno Damm, 2 do.
- A. M. McConnell, 1 do.
- Mrs. N. C. Wescott, 1 do.
- Mrs. J. E. Kerr, 1 do.
- Miss Louine Kerr, 1 do.
- Wm. Bruns, 2 do.
- R. H. Whitworth, 5 do.
- Sam Miller 1 do.
- Mrs. C. H. Lorenz, 1 do.

Notice of Hearing Final Account

Notice is hereby given that the final account of Ernestina Boehmke, executrix of the estate of Theodore Boehmke, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Marion County, Oregon, and that the sixteenth day of December, 1918, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. has been appointed by said Court for hearing objection to said final account at which time any persons interested in said estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing and contest the same.

ERNESTINA BOEHMKE,
Executrix of said estate.

Town Topics

Henry Hurst was up from Portland Sunday, on business, returning the same day.

W. O. Bergerson, of Barlow, was among those transacting business here Saturday.

George Oglesby returned Thursday from a 10 days visit at Banks, Oregon, at the home of his brother.

John Whitworth and Mr. Bittick were here Thursday, the latter to consult his physician Dr. Giesy.

Mrs. L. G. Giesy spent several days here last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lents.

Hermes Lodge, Knights of Pythiis, of Aurora was omitted last week from the list of contributors to the United War Work fund, it contributed \$10.00 to the cause.

More expense statements have been filed by candidates, as follows: John S. Coke, justice of the supreme court \$428.77. H. A. Dedman, for representative, nil.

Hubbard has started a movement to organize a band. Many of the members of its former band organization are in the service. Hubbard citizens are also organizing a volunteer fire company.

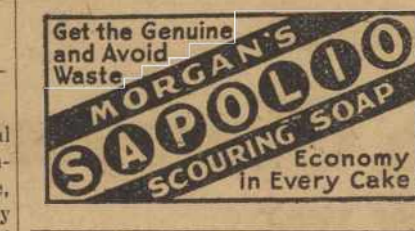
Anyone wishing a small quantity of choice nursery stock can secure the same cheap by inquiring at the Observer office at once. If not ordered in a few days, it reverts to the nursery from which it is due.

Henry St John of Washington state, who formerly lived in the Grim neighborhood, some 50 years ago, is visiting relatives in Wilsonville. He was a brother-in-law of the late Francis Asbury White, and is known to many of the pioneer settlers of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Meeker, formerly of Hubbard, now residing at Garden City, Calif., are the proud parents of a son, George Robert Meeker, born November 2, 1918, announcement cards arriving Monday, says the Hubbard Enterprise.

The taxable valuation of property in Marion county has been fixed at 63 per cent of its full cash value. In Clackamas county the ratio has been fixed at 56 per cent. The county with the highest ratio is Sherman where the ratio is 96. The lowest is Deschutes with a ratio of 40.

H. J. Miller, of the Aurora Garage, is still minus his Colt's six-shooter that some one stole from his office on the night of the last peace celebration. Candle drippings all over the office floor indicate that the burglar knew what he was looking for, as many other things of value were not touched—only the gun and a few dollars in cash were taken.



DR. B. F. GIESY

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Pork Sausage, Bologna, Etc.
Aurora, Oregon

The Fellow who argued with Jim the other night
ran up against the shock of his life.

Jim knows tobacco. And before he got through, Jim made the fellow admit that Real Gravely tastes better and gives a satisfaction you can't get out of ordinary tobacco. A small chew of Gravely lasts so much longer that it costs nothing extra to chew this class of tobacco.

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