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MORE LIGHT THAN DARKNESS.

At Christmas time it is customary to emphasize the virtues of peace and good will, not only among individuals but between nation and nation—and that is well. But there is no disputing the fact that not for many years have international politics been so forbidding as they are at the present time.

There is civil war in China, with no telling what the end will be; savage war between Italy and Turkey, angry feelings, mistrust and jealousy between Germany and England, and unpleasant and unsatisfactory relations between this country and Russia over the Jewish question and friction between Russia and Persia. Truly conditions are grave. Yet it were foolish to take a pessimistic view of things. In spite of much to cause anxiety there is also much to cheer and inspire confidence, and this feeling is increased when one compares present conditions with what prevailed a century ago. Progress toward universal peace is slow but it is sure. The Christ spirit is being diffused more and more and the world is every day becoming a better place in which to live.

Even in the present conditions referred to there is much that is hopeful. Although no one can tell with certainty the outcome in China, yet in all probability it will make for enlightenment and liberty with their consequent blessings. As to Germany and Great Britain the crisis has passed and although the relations are yet strained, time, patience and wise statesmanship will cause the angry passions to cool and be succeeded by a better understanding. War between the United States and Russia is unthinkable, and doubtless the latter country will in time give up her obstinate discrimination against American Jews. Even the conflict in Tripoli must soon cease as the pressure exerted upon the combatants by neutral powers is more fully displayed.

So, then, regrettable as many things are, there is more light than darkness, more of peace than war, more good will than estrangement and, without reservation of any sort, people may sing their Christmas carols, enjoy the blessings of the season, and face the coming year with hope and certainty.

**LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER.**

Yesterday a big husky tramp wandered down Main street, and passing a place in the street where some children had been playing, he noticed two half-eaten apples in the filth and dirt of the street. No one happened to be passing along the street at that time, so he slipped out to the curb, and stooped down, picked up the remains of the apples, wiped them off, and slipped them into his pocket, evidently intending to eat them later. It happened that a resident along the street was looking out of the window (a woman, of course) and witnessed the action. She told her husband about it, and both are wondering if there is any need for anyone in Roseburg at this Christmas time to pick up food out of the gutter, and whether or not this man was really so hungry that he could not pass those two half-eaten apples in the filth of the street. The man was apparently able-bodied, and why he should choose to satisfy his hunger as above, instead of working and living decently, is one of the mysteries of life. If he was hungry, willing to work, and was driven to that kind of food, it is a sad comment on Roseburg's citizenship. But in all probability, he, like many wanderers, prefers to pick food from the gutters rather than make a determined effort to secure it by manual labor. What a temptation the many windows of Roseburg must be to such a man, with their displays of good things to eat. Still how little expense there is for any man to live in such a manner, and how little Christmas cheer there must be in this hobo's heart.

The old saying is true that "heaven helps them that help themselves," but unfortunately there are people so lazy that they want heaven or their wives to do all the work.

There are certainly great times. Even Uncle Sam is "making good" in the postoffice department—all deficits the next year being overcome.

The Christmas spirit is abroad—especially in Roseburg. The stores have been crowded and merchants report a splendid business.

The poor are with us always, and there is no better time than Christmas to lighten the hearts of these unfortunate ones.

The campaign thunder will soon commence to roll.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Attorney O. P. Coslow and wife left for San Diego, Cal., this morning where they will spend Christmas visiting with their daughter.

Mrs. Charles Leavengood and daughter, Charlie, of Myrtle Creek, spent the day in Roseburg visiting with friends.

John W. Campbell, who has conducted real estate offices in the Eastern building, on North Jackson street, for several months, this afternoon moved into the room formerly occupied by the Umpqua Land

**CIDER FOR XMAS.**

You can't keep Xmas well without our refined cider. We have the best for the Xmas trade. Try a 5 gallon keg. UMPQUA CIDER WORKS, 220 Oak Street.

**OPEN EVENINGS.**

During the balance of this week Our Store will be Open Evenings to Accommodate Christmas Shoppers. WOLLENGER BROS.

Water Company, and situated on Cass street. Considerable new furniture will be installed in the office as soon as it can be shipped from Portland.

Mrs. James Cannon and Mrs. Jay Upton, mother and sister of Claude Cannon, arrived here this morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nellie Boyd. The funeral was held at the Episcopal church this afternoon and was attended by a large and sorrowing concourse of friends and relatives. Interment followed in the Masonic cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles Wilson Baker and were very impressive.

**Xmas Gifts**

- Dolls
- Doll Cribs
- Doll Beds
- Doll Chairs
- Doll Heads
- Air Guns
- Pop Guns
- Xmas Candles
- Tinsils
- Games
- Dishes
- Mechanical Toys
- Horns
- Drums
- Tricycles
- Express Wagons
- Wheel Barrows

**L. H. RHOADES**  
2nd Store

J. J. Bacher, of San Pedro, Cal., will arrive here this evening or tomorrow morning to spend a few days visiting at the home of his son, Dr. G. J. Bacher.

Leave us your orders for your Christmas turkey, goose, duck or chicken. We will have some nice corn-fed, well fattened stock in this line. The Rochdale.

In a decidedly uninteresting game of basket ball played at Sykes' rink last night, the Roseburg high school team defeated the Cottage Grove aggregation by a score of 41 to 6. The game was well attended.

Victor Micelli has returned from Portland to spend the holidays visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Micelli.

**For Sale**

ALL MY FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
MUST BE SOLD AT ONCE. AM GOING AWAY.  
ALL NEW LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO, BUT  
WILL SELL AT BIG SACRIFICE. Consists of:  
Majestic Steel Range, new linoleum, new dining chairs, oak rockers, dining table, metal beds (complete), white iron crib, iron bed-lounge, oak dresser, bird's eye maple dresser and chiffonier, sectional book case, etc., etc. Call at house MONDAY or TUESDAY (Dec 26 or 27). First come first served.

**H. M. Haskell**  
520 Court Street.

**There Aint Going to be No Leavins**

Last year we cleaned up all Xmas goods after Xmas. This year we are determined there shall "be no leavins." That's why so many are finding such

ATTRACTIVE PRESENTS  
at such  
ATTRACTIVE PRICES  
not only in holiday goods, but also all other lines we carry.

**THE LEADER**

**Delicacies Store**

MRS. M. L. COFFIN, MISS ALICE WILSON, Prop.

PARTICULAR people will find this establishment all that can be desired. The best of everything eatable, always fresh and good, for sale.

**315 Cass Street**

Gifts of real worth for father, husband, son, brother or sweetheart. Gifts of appropriateness, moderately priced. Welcome to our store for your Xmas shopping.

This list is a to help you—to suggest something that will bring pleasure to the one we receives it

SMOKING JACKETS	LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS
MEN'S BATH ROBES	FWEATERS AND SWEATER
MEN'S FINE NECKWEAR	COATS
COMBINATION SETS	PAJAMAS AND NIGHTGOWNS
PIN AND CUFF BUTTON SETS	BOYS' PAJAMAS
MEN'S SILK HALF ROSE	BOYS' SWEATER COATS
MEN'S FANCY SUSPENDERS	BOYS' DRESS GLOVES
LEATHER SUIT CASES AND BAGS.	REGAL SHOES
FINE UMBRELLAS	MEN'S HOUSE SLIPPERS
MEN'S SILK MUFFLERS	MEN'S MOOSE MOCCASINS
GLOVES (FOWNES & PERAINS)	STETSON HATS
MEN'S FANCY VESTS	MEN'S LEATHER TOILET SETS
	AUTO STROP RAZOR SETS

Goods bought from Harth's Toggery represent QUALITY—QUALITY presents are always appreciated

*Harth's Toggery*  
ROSEBURG ORE 123 JACKSON

**TOOLS AND TOOL CHESTS**, you have been wanting to get them, haven't you? Now is the time we have them in stock, and fitted up. Tools and Tool Chests and Chests of Tools. Good Tools, not sheet steel and cast iron. Good Chests, made for practical every-day use.

Tool Cabinet, Mammel Training Bench with patented quick action vice. Look them over. Don't forget to look at the "Boy's Delight", a good coaster wagon, fit for pleasure and for business. A good substantial modern wagon at \$2.25 to \$7.00. Those formerly considered the very best, at \$1.00 to \$4.00, but that we are offering as a Christmas special at just half price. Can you do better, \$1.00 for \$2.00?

**FOR THE LADY OF THE HOUSE**, we have a fine line of Electrical Goods. That is practical goods, such as a warming pad, these are so far ahead of the hot water bag that it might as well quit the race. Percolators, Chaffing Dishes, Toasters, my, but they are fine! Electrical Laundry Irons. And, by the way, have you seen that ne wone that you can't burn up. It is the Dover. Come in and look at it. Remember this is no cheap "made to sell only" iron, but one made to sell and stay sold.

We also have on hand a few of the Old Reliable American Irons thta we are making a special of \$3.50 each to close out. Regular \$5.00 value.

O, yes, there is a new AERO mirror. This is designed especially for use of those who shave themselves. Can be attached to any window glass and get the best possible light. Also has a ball and socket joint allowing of any angle wanted. Best French Beveled glass, \$1.50 and \$3.50 in price.

And then there are those Electric Portables. We must sell the wood ones before New Years and to those who buy before Christmas we will make a handsome reduction in price.

**Listen**—A \$6.50 Wood Portable for \$5.00, a \$6.00 for \$4.50, a \$5.25 for \$4.00, a \$4.50 for \$3.35. Doesn't that sound good?

**Churchill Hardware Company**  
THE IRONMONGARY WITH A LA DIES' BASEMENT REST ROOM.

**LOCAL NEWS.**  
Charles Curry returned here this morning after a few days spent at Portland and other northern cities.  
Attorneys John T. Long and C. S. Jackson spent the day at Myrtle Creek attending to various business matters.  
A. A. Nichols, of Days Creek, who has been spending the past few days in the city receiving treatment for eye trouble left for home this morning.

**LOCAL NEWS.**  
William Van Buren and wife, of Portland arrived in Roseburg last night to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.  
Miss Anna Salzman left for Portland this morning where she will spend about two weeks visiting with friends and relatives.  
Tom Dixon and Mrs. Griffith left for Sherwood, Washington county, this morning where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

**LOCAL NEWS.**  
Mrs. George Onine returned here this afternoon after a few days spent at Riddle visiting with relatives and friends.  
Mrs. M. A. Drollinger left for Portland this afternoon where she will spend Christmas with her daughters.  
Mrs. W. G. Houser left for Cottage Grove this morning where she will spend the holidays visiting with her parents. Mr. Houser will join her on Sunday.

**Too Busy To Write Ad's.**

**W. E. Clingenpeel**  
THE JEWELER  
Roseburg Nat. Bank Bldg.