

Holiday Offerings - A Tremendous Assortment

Line of Morris Chairs



From \$15.00 to \$37.00

Taborits at \$1.00 to \$2.50

Rockers, at \$1.50 to \$48.00

Buffets, at \$17.00 to \$45.00

Dining Tables, \$6 to \$40.00

Couches, from \$8 to 37.00

Davenport, at 18 to 75.00

Kitchen Cabinets, 4.50 to 35

Dressers' at 7.50 to 35.00

RICE & RICE, The Housefurnishers

Our Headquarters for Santa Claus in Home Furnishing Goods. Call in and see this big and elegant line of Xmas gifts for each and every member of the household.

PIANOS

Which is wiser—to have confidence in the opinions of your fellow citizens, of people you know, or depend on the statements made by utter strangers, residing in far-away places? The House of Rice & Rice has a record of over 20 years of square dealing in Roseburg. We sell the famous

S. W. Miller Pianos and Player Pianos

Because we know they are right. Before buying a piano investigate our line and prices. We will save you money and give you a better piano. Our reputation is behind every sale we make. You take no chances when you buy from

RICE and RICE

Our entire store is full of the most useful Xmas articles ever displayed in Roseburg. Space forbids enumeration of all but a few of the articles.



PIANOS

You'll thank us kindly for saving you the San Francisco jobbers' profit, the Portland dealers' profit and the piano agents' big commission, for it's our candid opinion that we did the piano buying public a favor when we made a contract to distribute the superb S. W. Miller line of pianos and player pianos direct from the factory at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to your home at Roseburg.

You'll like the tone, beauty and workmanship of the artistic S. W. Miller piano, and its long, lasting durability that will bear acquaintance. This high quality piano is for sale from the factory to home at the store of

RICE and RICE

Our Dining Room Sets



From \$35 to \$125.00

A Swell Line of Rugs, China Ware at all prices, Cut Glass in all designs and at prices to suit all, Sectional Book Cases, Silverware, Brass and Ornamental beds. Never in Roseburg has there been such goods at lower prices

WILSON AT HOME

Arrived From Vacation at Jamacia Today.

REFUSED TO TALK POLITICS

Met at New York Docks by Many Friends—Greek and Turkish Ships Fighting Off Dardanelles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—President-elect Wilson arrived home from the Bermudas on the Steamer Bermuda this morning at 3.20 o'clock. The steamer berthed at 8.15, when Wilson was given an ovation by the crowd which had collected on the dock. Miss Margaret Wilson, who remained at home while Governor Wilson and wife were away, was at the dock to meet her parents. Only those credentialed persons were allowed to meet the steamer, and the dock was patrolled by secret service agents and special officers. Wilson and family will leave for Trenton tonight, and tomorrow will attend a southern society dinner. He refused to discuss politics.

Sea Fight Progressing.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—According to reports from Constantinople a Greek cruiser and two torpedo boats are engaged with a Turkish cruiser and destroyer off the island of Tenedos near the entrance of the Dardanelles. It is believed that the Greek ships were trying to run the blockade and gain access to the Aegean Sea, and the battle ensued.

Peace Conference Opened.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The peace conference of Europe envoys opened here at noon, despite the sea fight prevailing off the Dardanelles between Greek and Turkish ships. Greek envoys were present at the opening session. Premier Grey welcomed the envoys on behalf of the British government, while an immense crowd surged around St. James Palace where the conference convened, anxious to learn something of the prospects of peace.

Mrs. L. M. Spelcher, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, arrived in Roseburg this morning to spend a few weeks with relatives. Mrs. Spelcher is suffering from asthma and believes she will be benefitted in this section.

Will the proposed occupation tax ordinance pass at tonight's meeting of the city council is the question that is being frequently asked about the streets today. That the ordinance will not pass is the assertion of a member of the committee to whom it was referred for investigation this morning. In fact, this particular member of the committee states that he considers that the businessmen are right in offering protest, and most especially in face of the proposed increase.

TO GET APPROPRIATION.

S. H. Morse, postoffice inspector with headquarters in Roseburg, returned here this morning after several weeks spent in the East where he was called as a witness in a number of federal cases.

In speaking to a News representative this afternoon, Mr. Morse said he spent considerable time in Washington, D. C., during his Eastern sojourn, and during the present session, received authentic information to the effect that an appropriation will be made during the present session of congress authorizing the expenditure of \$125,000 in erecting a federal building in this city. Mr. Morse says \$125,000 will build an immense structure, and one that will answer the needs of the town for many years to come. When told that a rumor was current here to the effect that the appropriation would not be allowed, Mr. Morse said he was positive that it would be—and during the present session.

"I received what I consider authentic information on the subject," said Mr. Morse, "and I was told that the appropriation would be authorized within the next few weeks. This knowledge I received from a person close in touch with the situation, and a person who knows of what he speaks."

Mr. Morse says he will be much surprised if work is not commenced on the federal building in Roseburg at an early date next spring.

J. W. Perkins, who is a member of the committee of Elks, appointed to confer and report regarding the addition of another story to the Elks' hall, and the installation of modern club rooms, this afternoon stated that the committee was almost unanimous in favor of the proposition and that it would be carried to a speedy realization. "We intend to make the contemplated improvements," said Mr. Perkins, "and when we are done Roseburg will have an Elks home second to none in the entire Northwest."

James S. Cherrington spent Sunday at Riddle visiting with his family.

FOR SALE—Fine quality of selected Yellow Dent seed corn, bred with Ohio Flint for three successive years for early maturity. Will sell same until Jan. 15, 1913, at \$1.25 per bushel. G. U. Helbig, Route 1, Wilbur, Ore. / 1054-315

CHRISTMAS EERNS.

Beginning Thursday, December 19, and for one week only, I will sell Ostrich Plume Ferns at greatly reduced prices. Call early and take your choice at the Rose Confectionery. MRS. F. D. OWEN. daw-426

PIONEER OF BOULDER DIES

A. FOREMAN YESTERDAY.

John Clements Passes Away Early Yesterday After a Lingered Illness—Resident of Douglas County For 30 Years.

John Clements, aged 84 years, and one of the best known men in Douglas county, died at the home of his son, David Clements, in Portland, shortly after 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The remains will arrive here on train No. 17 tonight preparatory to the funeral which will be held at the First Presbyterian church in this city at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Services will be conducted by Rev. MacAllister, while burial of the remains will occur in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Clements was born in England and came to the United States when a young man. He first located in the state of Illinois, later moving to Kansas. Eventually he came West and after visiting various localities located in Roseburg 39 years ago. Prior to about eighteen months ago when he moved to Portland to make his home with his son, David Clements, he lived with his son, Frank Clements, in this city for ten years.

Other than leaving a widow, Mr. Clements is survived by four sons, David Clements, of Portland; Charles Clements, of LaGrande; Jess Clements, of Glendale, and Frank Clements, of Roseburg.

Mr. Clements was a man possessing those traits true to the sturdy Oregon pioneer and was highly esteemed by those who chanced to make his acquaintance. He was honest and upright in his business dealings, and his death is deplored by those who knew him.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

The News has arranged for the publication each week of a list of suggestive questions growing out of the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday. When studying your Sunday school lesson try to answer the questions found below.

Dec. 22, 1912.

[Copyright, 1912, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D. D.]

Christmas Lesson. Isa. ix:1-7.

Golden Text—Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Isa. ix:6.

(1.) Verse 1—What troubles come to sinners out of which good may not be derived?

(2.) What troubles have you ever known, national or personal, that could not have been worse?

(3.) What beneficent results came to Israel from their captivity?

(4.) Which most helps a nation, morally and spiritually, its prosperity or its adversity?

(5.) Verse 2—Does God ever permit or send any affliction to a nation or an individual with the intention of inflicting ultimate injury? Give your reasons.

(6.) Is it so that the light of prosperity generally follows the darkness of adversity and that grief gives place to joy? Why?

(7.) What is the great light which finally came to the Jews and to the world?

(8.) In how many respects may we regard Jesus as the light of the world? (This is one of the questions that may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

(9.) Verse 3—Why is an increase of national population generally regarded with satisfaction?

(10.) What are the peculiar joys which result from a bountiful harvest?

(11.) Why are people generally joyful when they are making money?

(12.) Verse 4—What deliverance had God wrought for Israel?

(13.) What oppressors does Jesus deliver men from today?

(14.) If Jesus delivers his followers from the slavery of sin how is it that most Christians confess that they still sin—that is, are under bondage to sin?

(15.) How did God deliver Israel in "the day of Midian"? (See Judges vi:10-25.)

(16.) What is the power which breaks the chains of sin and sets the captives free?

(17.) Verse 5—What is the difference between physical and moral battles?

(18.) Verse 6—Of what child does Isaiah here speak?

(19.) What did God's ancient Israel expect their coming Messiah would accomplish?

(20.) What are some of the scriptural names for the Christ?

(21.) How do the terms "Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," apply to Jesus?

(22.) Verse 7—How many nations of the earth does Jesus reign over today?

(23.) What are the signs of the increase of Christ's government today?

(24.) Will the day ever come, and if so when, when Jesus shall rule over the whole earth?

Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 23, 1912. Review.

Christmas shoppers were around the stores and the streets of the city today in force and the holiday spirit was manifest in the very atmosphere as the salesmen disposed of Christmas presents and as the people thronged through the streets with arms well laden with parcels to make glad the hearts of their relatives and friends. Buying was heavy on Saturday, but did not surpass that of today according to reports of the local merchants. Most of the merchants claim that the people are this year purchasing Xmas articles of stability, and are not buying "trash" as in former years. In fact, this year's campaign of Christmas buying might be termed sane, when compared with previous years. Merchants handling the heavier lines of goods report a good business, a condition which indicates that stability is the keynote. Although not overgratified, Postmaster Parks says the outgoing mails are already showing a substantial increase, and most especially in regard to pouches destined to the far East. In all, it is predicted that this year's holiday trade will equal, if not exceed that of last year.

If you are wanting something to send away for Xmas, don't fail to send the beautiful hand painted novelties, "Roseburg High School", penant calendars, Greetings from the City of Roses", Xmas letters, etc., with envelopes and boxes to match, for mailing with each article, at Graves Art Emporium.

Not a Clear Title.

"Does Thompson bear a good reputation?"

"Let me see—Thompson?"

"Yes."

"No, I don't think so."

"Why?"

"He ran for office once."



DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Ore., 24 hours ending 6 et sa. m. December 16, 1912.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths:

Highest temperature yesterday 48

Lowest temperature last night 49

Precipitation, last 24 hours 51

Total precipitation since first of month 1.66

Normal precip. for this month 5.32

Total precip. from Sep. 1, 1912, to date 10.32

Average precip. since September 1, 1877 16.89

ber Total excess from Sept. 1, 191204

Average precipitation for 25 wet seasons, (Sep. to May inclusive) 33.28

WILLIAM, DELL

Observer.

Talcum 2 cans for 25 cents	Christmas Postals 10 for 5 cents NEW YORK STORE Agents for Dents Gloves for Men and Women	Stationery Xmas Boxes 25 cents
----------------------------------	--	--------------------------------------

STORE OPEN EVENINGS TILL 9 o'clock

Do Your shopping early—make it easier on the store employees They deserve your thought during the Christmas Rush. It is the only store that is your Christmas Store. Buy here and save.

Handkerchiefs 5c to 50c	Boys Books at Spec. 25c
--------------------------------	--------------------------------

We offer choice assortments of Womens Christmas Handkerchiefs, initial embroidered and convent handkerchiefs, plain and fancy flaxons See the different 5 to 50 kinds at special price 5 to 50

Boys Alger Books and the full series of Boy Scout Books. They are good clean reading for the little man and should be in every home See these admirable gifts at the very low special price of 25c

Big Sale of Gift Books at Special Low Price of 15cts

15c Dainty Gift Books in white covers, beveled edges, high class color work, neat mottos, sayings of the world's famous poets. Dainty for Xmas gifts. Fine for sending away or reminders 15c