

# Great Good News for Young and Old

Merry old St. Nick reigns supreme and extends a hearty invitation to call and inspect the Extensive line of Christmas Goods that was ever brought to La Grande.

**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY



We are ready for the Holiday trade. We have everything that's fit to sell in Holiday Goods; suitable for gifts, appropriate, useful and sensible. We invite an early inspection while assortments are complete. We show you in all lines we carry worth and quality for the price. This announcement and space is to acquaint you with the completeness of our stock and we try to make the news as economically interesting as we can—and we will extend suggestions that may help you with the problem of making presents—we invite you to come and see our stock, as we can give you only a hint of the complete lines we carry. But we are ready with the gift things and extend you a hearty invitation to call at this store and see them.

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## A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years. In that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we know the demands of the people of this town.

**A. T. HILL,**

Prescription Druggist La Grande, Ore.

## Farmers' and Traders National Bank

LAGRANDE, OREGON

Capital Stock fully paid . . . \$60,000  
Surplus fund . . . 13,000  
Liability of Shareholders . . . 60,000  
Responsibility . . . 133,000

We do a general banking and exchange business. Drafts bought and sold on eastern and foreign banks.

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**LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK**

La Grande, Oregon

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$72,000.00

Transacts a general banking business. Buys and sells exchange on all parts of the world. Collections a specialty.

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## MONEY IN CIRCULATION

The Monthly Circulation Statement issued by the United States Treasury Department for December 1904, reached the Observer, Saturday, the 10th inst. It shows that on December 1, 1904, the general stock of money in the United States was \$2,840,236,023 of which \$1,351,415,633 was gold coin (including bullion in United States Treasury); \$568,434,865 was standard silver dollars and \$111,694,407 subsidiary silver (half dollars, quarters and dimes); \$346,681,016 greenbacks, \$11,631,000 United States notes and \$460,679,075 National Bank Notes.

There were held in the United States Treasury as assets of the government on December 1, 1904, \$266,347,656 leaving of the money in stock in circulation \$2,573,888,367 on December 1, 1904, being \$124,719,949 more than were in circulation December 1, 1903.

The Treasury Department estimated the population of the United States on December 1, 1904, exclusive of the Philippines, Porto Rico and Guam, at 82,445,000 and that the circulation on that basis was \$31.22 per capita. The per capita circulation in 1903 was \$29.42 in 1860 it was \$13.85.

Christmas comes but once a year—fortunately.

In the meantime Dr. Chadwick is enjoying the pleasures of gay Paree.

An old-fashioned winter is exceedingly attractive—until it comes along.

It will take three months to remove the debris from the inclosure of the World's Fair.

The report of the Director of the Mint places the entire gold coinage of the world at \$5,600,000,000, of which amount Uncle Sam has \$1,300,000,000, or nearly one-fourth.

The story that Secretary Taft didn't have more than enough room in which to turn 'round while in Panama must be an exaggeration.

Senator Platt admits that it is time for him to hang up his fiddle and his bow. Can it be that the wicked Odell has fobbed the old gentleman's rosin?

In discarding the Doxology, there is a suggestion that Chicago University will substitute the hymn beginning "Praise John from whom oil blessings flow."

The belief of President Roosevelt that the Federal Government alone is capable of dealing with the trusts is an intimation to the trusts that the Executive of the Federal Government intends to try it on.

"Ease of intercommunication secure and ample highways, mark the spirit both of democratic fellowship and of rational economic conditions. The extravagance of parsimony has no better illustration than in the neglect of our public roads."

"Bad roads in a settled community are an open verdict convicting the people of ignorance and shiftlessness. On the other hand, good roads are a sure indication of thrift and intelligence amongst the people residing along their course."

Make the stranger feel at home. Every stranger should be made to feel that he has a right to live and that the citizens of this city are willing that he should live. Prepare yourself with information regarding this valley and make it a point to explain the merits of Grande Ronde valley and the resources surrounding La Grande. The average stranger would much rather be informed regarding the backing of the town than to listen to your ideas regarding the outcome of the Russian-Japanese war. It is altogether likely he has figured out the war to his satisfaction any way. Whether he has or not makes no difference to us. It does make a difference though whether or not he carries away with him the proper information regarding this valley. Just tell him the plain truth about La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley and he will at once become a walking advertisement for us, and he may decide to locate and increase the number of wealth producers.

## Estate Notice

J. R. Kellogg, deceased, Estate. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. M. Church, has qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of J. R. Kellogg, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same properly verified to the undersigned at the office of C. H. Finn, Sommer Building, La Grande, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated and first published October 6th 1904. J. M. Church, Executor of Estate of J. R. Kellogg, deceased. C. H. Finn, Attorney for Executor.

## Professional

**W. J. BISONETT**  
EXPERT ACCOUNTANT  
Office with J. T. Williamson, La Grande  
Parties wishing the services of a competent bookkeeper are assured satisfactory results. Prices reasonable.

**C. B. Cauthorn**  
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La Grande, Oregon

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## Lodge Directory.

**EAGLES**—La Grande Aerie No. 7025 meets every Friday night in R. of P. Hall at 8 p. m. Philby brothers invited. W. A. H. Sec. C. D. Hookway, W. P. Sec. A. N. Aspyville, W. Sec.

**FORESTERS OF AMERICA**—Court Mal Marion, No. 23 meets each Tuesday in Elk Hall. Brothers are invited to attend. A. Holsten Chief Ranger. G. J. Vanderpool, Sec.

**IOOF**—La Grande Lodge, No. 16 meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting members cordially invited to attend. S. E. Rinehart, N. G.

**A. F. & A. M.**—La Grande Lodge No. 41, meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. A. C. Williams Sec. O. D. Huffman, W. M.

**EASTERN STAR O.E.S.** Hope Chapter No. 13 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. in Masonic Temple. Mrs. Clara T. Lyle, W. M. Mary A. Warnick, Sec.

**STAR ENCAMPMENT** No. 31, I. O. O. F. meets every first and third Thursdays in the month in Odd Fellows hall. Visiting brothers always welcome. E. Robinson, C. P. Geo. Ball, Scribe

## Pay Up

The public is hereby notified that I have disposed of my feed store to J. W. White and I desire to thank the public generally for their liberal patronage in the past and that parties owing me will please call and settle with me personally or they can call at the La Grande National Bank who will receipt for all bills. 11-11 to 12-1  
O. Q. JOHNSON.