

XMAS SUGGESTIONS

Christmas Bells will soon be ringing and the old problem of "what shall I give him for Christmas" will once more confront you.

We have made a few suggestions and should you fail to find a suitable item on the list we would be pleased to have you call and we'll do all in our power to assist you.

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| SUSPENDERS | GRAVENETTES | HOUSE COAT |
| OVERCOAT | SUIT | UNDERWEAR |
| HAT | NECKWEAR | GLOVES |
| HOSIERY | SIRTS | NIGHTROBE |
| UMBRELLA | MUFFLER | 'KERCHIEF |

A good rule to follow in selecting gifts for man is to buy what he would be apt to buy himself. All our prices are moderate, and we are always at your service.

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UNION COUNTY
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Farm Loans a Specialty

Best equipped abstractor in Union county. Many years experience with the Union county records gives me a great advantage. It is folly to purchase real estate without first securing a proper abstract. An abstract from my office will show the title just as it appears on the official record.

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CHRISTMAS IS NEAR

And it should not be forgotten that we have the finest line of fresh confectionery in the city for the holiday trade. All of the delicious and luscious flavors put up in the most attractive forms.

OUR LINE of goods for trimming and decorating Christmas trees is complete, elegant and attractive.

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Dolls from 10 cents to \$1.60

Mistletoe, for decorating, 5c bunch

SELDER, The Candy Man

Wood! Wood! Wood!

Good dry wood delivered to any part of the city.

ANY LENGTH, ANY KIND,

Special prices on quantity orders. No order too large or too small.

James Beavers, Red 1441

Service

This drug store tries to serve every customer so well that they will not think of going elsewhere for drug store goods.

A. T. HILL, Prescription Druggist

La Grande National Bank

ESTABLISHED 1887

Capital Stock, Surplus and undivided profits \$160,070 00

Comparative statement of deposits for five years

September 6, 1900	\$291,007 65
" 30, 1901	551,506 58
" 15, 1902	498,575 84
" 9, 1903	555,601 59
" 6, 1904	571,854 02
November 9, 1905	618,029 52

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HOW WE GROW

"All times are good when old." is accepted as a truism by a great many persons, who fret and fume at present conditions, and envy the good luck of their great grand parents in having their life cast in an age wherein the comforts and necessities of life were more easily obtained than now. A remembrance of the real conditions that surrounded the forefathers, if they were in the United States, will dissolve this delusion and convince, if not silence, the most inveterate growler. Daily laborers in the United States prior to 1760 worked longer hours and received from fifty to seventy five per cent less than is paid for a day of fewer hours now, and are better fed and more comfortably clothed than the laborer forty five years ago. There are thousands of men and women yet alive in this country who well remember how their mothers toiled far into the night for months each year carding wool, cotton or flax and spinning and weaving it into cloth to clothe the family. There are those who yet have a clear but unpleasant memory of the "dye pot" where in his Sunday coat or breeches and her frock were colored blue.

A more general idea of the hardships which our ancestors endured may be gathered from the long rows of dismal figures that may be found in the United States census reports that measure the toll of 120 years.

When our grandfathers were toiling to support their families in the days when Washington was president if all the wealth in the United States had been divided equally among the people there would not have been a per capita of \$200. An equal division in 1900 would have given each person in the United States \$1,256.

In 1800 our forefathers imported \$17.19 per capita of merchandise and exported \$15.57 per capita, a balance against them of \$5.82. The balance of foreign trade was against the United States until 1880. In 1904 we imported \$12.12 per capita and exported \$17.87 per capita, showing a balance of our foreign trade in our favor of \$5.75 per capita; and in 1904 there were 81,752,000 people in the United States and a favored, per capita balance on the foreign trade of the country left among the people after paying for the foreign goods bought the snug sum of \$551,836,000. In the good old days of our forefathers in 1800 there were 5,508,485 people in the United States and the foreign trade balance of \$5.82 per capita meant that foreign creditors held an indebtedness against the people amounting in the aggregate to \$20,278,405; to square which took the bulk of the agricultural products of that year which aggregated \$25,590,755 so that had the farmers sold enough of their crops to pay the balance due there would have been but \$5,312,129 left for home consumption. In 1904 with a trade balance in our favor of \$551,836,000 the agricultural products were of the value of \$855,645,075.

Do not let the holiday pleasures cause you to lose sight of the fruitgrowers' convention. It is a plain matter of business that we make this convention a grand success, and all that is required to do so is to lend a helping hand. The press of the Northwest has given us much good advertising on account of this convention and the word has gone forth that La Grande will have an exhibit worthy of attention. Let us not fail. We can all help, and in order to gain a real victory we must all put our shoulder to the wheel and show the world that we have a place on the map.

Let us save the Falls now, or, as our yellow contemporaries would express it, now, while the people are swaks. There is something any reader of these words may do. He can write to his Senator or Congressman urging him toward action for the preservation of the Falls. The President has done his part. He has put the case with earnestness and decision. But he can only recommend. The matter rests with Congress, and Congress is at least supposed to take some interest in the people's will. Therefore get after your so-called representatives. See that they do represent you and the United States, nor the gentlemen who are destroying a national heritage for the further swelling of their already swollen private pouches.—Collier's Weekly.

TAXABLE PROPERTY IN WALLOWA

The assessment roll for Wallowa county, just completed, shows 70,150 acres of tillable land, valued at \$1,274,405; improvements on deeded or patented lands, \$356,740; improvements on town and city lots, \$245,810; town and city lots, \$74,905; improvements on lands not deeded or patented, \$59,760; number of cattle, 22,842, valued at \$336,430; number of sheep and goats 176,142, valued at \$440,520; number of swine, 7,355, valued at \$22,550; total valuation of taxable property in Wallowa county, \$4,681,515.

THE OLD NATIONAL ROAD

When the nation of 1827 was over the country the national road was bare halfway through Illinois. No work was done after 1841. Two years before, however a line of stages and post routes had been started from Cumberland in Maryland, to Terra Haute, in Indiana, from which latter place there was a tri-weekly service for passengers and mail to Springfield, Ill. This marked the first overland travel from east to west. Passengers and mail bags were jolted along in cumbersome coaches, each with a driver and a driver's boy. On account of the high rates travel was confined mainly to merchants and lawyers. The passenger, with an allowance of fifty pounds of baggage, paid at the rate of 10 cents a mile. It is noted that Clay and Lincoln were among the frequent passengers.—Philadelphia Ledger

QUITE A DIFFERENCE

County Clerk Frank S. Fields states that sometime this afternoon the total tax roll for 1906 will be completed. He says that it will show a valuation of about \$145,000,000, against a \$56,000,000 valuation in 1904. This year property was assessed at its real value or nearly so.—Telegram.

TO THE CHILDREN

The children can write their letters to Santa Claus and mail them at Newlin Dr. G. Co.'s store.

STOCK HOLDER'S MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the stock holders of La Grande Real Estate Association will meet in the office of Wm Miller & Bro. on Monday, January 16th 1906, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
WM MILLER, President.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National bank at the La Grande National bank building in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of nine directors, and any other business the transaction of which shall legally come before the meeting.
F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.

Dated this 11 day of December, 1905



The Best Xmas Dinner

you ever ate is the kind we are serving. Just think of what you like best to eat and come here and get it perfectly cooked and perfectly served. Each dish appetizing in looks as well as small and taste.

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING

is in the eating. So drop in by yourself and put our brands to the test. After that you will come often and bring your friends with you. For in addition to a first class meal we add to your happiness by carving the prices as well as we do the meals.

The Model Restaurant

J. A. Arbuckle, Proprietor

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT We sell weekly meal tickets for \$4 50

Enlarged Quarters

Our business has enlarged to such an extent that we have secured a room in the Hotel Sommer block for a display room. Call at the main store room on Adams Avenue and we will take you in the new room where our furniture is displayed to a good advantage.

Minature Book Cases :: :: \$2.50 to \$6.00
Music Cabinets :: :: \$2.59 to \$6.00
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One of these will make a dainty Christmas present for a lady or gentleman. PARLOR SUITES, Upholstered corner chairs and odds and ends in chairs.

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Finest and Showiest Pictures Ever Shown in Town

Fine Colored Camp Scenes, unframed, \$1.00, Framed, \$4.50
Panel Etchings, something extra fine, 50 cents to \$2.00
Burnt Leather Center Table Covers, California Grape patterns, \$3.00

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THESE ARE OUR PRICES:

English Script cards, per 100.....\$2.00
French Script, very latest, per 100.....\$3.00
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Printing future orders from any copper plate, 50 cards 75c., 100 cards.....\$2.00
Wedding Invitations from \$8.00 a 100 to \$24.00 a 100.

Besides taking orders for engraved at ck, we are prepared to print all the above in the latest type faces. Call on us before ordering.

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