

# 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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| <b>SUSPENDERS</b> | <b>CRAVENETTES</b> | <b>HOUSE COAT</b> |
| <b>OVERCOAT</b>   | <b>SUIT</b>        | <b>UNDERWEAR</b>  |
| <b>HAT</b>        | <b>NECKWEAR</b>    | <b>GLOVES</b>     |
| <b>HOSIERY</b>    | <b>SHIRTS</b>      | <b>NIGHTROBE</b>  |
| <b>UMBRELLA</b>   | <b>MUFFLER</b>     | <b>KERCHIEF</b>   |

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.

## ASH BROS

CLOTHIERS AND HABERDASHERS.

### J. R. OLIVER, UNION COUNTY ABSTRACTS

Farm Loans a Specialty

Best equipped abstracter 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.

J. R. OLIVER,  
LA GRANDE, OREGON  
Room 31 Sommer Building.



### 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.

TOYS OF ALL KINDS AND PRICES  
Dolls from 10 cents to \$1.60  
Mistletoe, for decorating, 5c bunch  
**SELDER, The Candy Man**

### G. E. FOWLER

Truck and Transfer

Wood and Coal

PHONE 1611

All orders given prompt attention

### 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 \$160,000 00

Comparative statement of deposits for five years

September 6, 1900	\$291,007 63
" 30, 1901	531,506 38
" 18, 1902	498,375 84
" 9, 1903	558,601 59
" 6, 1904	571,854 02
November 9, 1906	613,029 52

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### VETCH PROFITABLE

Some of the farmers in the Willamette valley are growing vetch with satisfactory results. Mr. S. W. Gains who has grown from boyhood to middle aged manhood on a Linn county farm, and is regarded as one among the successful and intelligent citizens of "Old Linn", writes to the Albany Herald. "I have experimented with vetch for the past six years and have no room for regret, and can find no fault with it. It has proved to be a success in every instance, and is far the best paying crop I have ever sown on my farm. I consider it far superior to anything else as a fertilizer on this coast."

On ground that has been cultivated about fifty years, by sowing vetch and fall oats mixed in about equal parts he cut four tons of fine cured hay per acre. "As a result of the crop my land is comparatively new, as it is loose and mellow and yields a fine crop of grain, clean of weeds."

Vetch has been long known in Europe but is not much known in the United States. It belongs to what botanists call the Leguminosae, pod bearing natural order, to which beans, peas, clover and alfalfa belong.

On page 181 of the year book, a portly volume published annually by the United States agricultural department this statement about the advantage of vetch to farmers will be found.

"Nitrogen, which is an essential element of plant growth and the most costly ingredient of chemical fertilizers, in a free state constitutes four fifths of the atmosphere. By the aid of the microscopic organisms of leguminous plants, such as clover, vetch, beans, peas, and the like, extract nitrogen from the atmosphere and store it in the soil in a form available to succeeding crops. This is one of nature's ways of applying fertilizers."

Readers of agricultural books and newspapers of late years, find frequent reference to nitrogen and the other essential elements of plant growth. But a great many farmers, whose life work and success depends upon their skill in making the proper combinations of these elements, the words oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, and other names of the things absolutely necessary to the growth of their crops, have no definite meaning and they pass them by as scientific mysteries or pedantic cant of "book larnen". This is not the fault of the farmers but the system of our common school instruction, that omits teaching the children of the greatest agricultural nation on earth, the important problem of how plants grow.

In 1903 the people of this country paid in salaries to teachers in our common schools \$157,110,108 and when our boys and girls graduate from these schools but very few if any have the remotest idea of the names of the elements and under what conditions they will combine to make a bean grow or a potato sprout.

Texas, in the fiscal years 1906 and 1907, will pay \$900,000 to Confederate veterans for pensions, besides expending \$164,538 for the support of the Confederate home.

### HOLD TO THE PRIMARIES

The sentiment that the people should have the power in the choice of a United States senator is growing stronger every day. This is the provision of the primary election law and should be allowed to stand. Any attempt to violate this will meet with strong opposition on the part of the masses. Candidates for the legislature who go before

the people at the coming election for the nomination will be compelled to declare themselves on this question and those who fall or refuse so to do will find their support very weak.

The people are demanding that they be allowed to name the senator and despite the fact that from certain localities this sentiment is trying to be overthrown it is gathering strength every day and by the time the primaries roll around it will be found that this will be one of the main issues and all candidates will be compelled to abide by the will of the people if they expect any votes—Baker City Herald.

### NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The Pacific States Telephone Company has just issued a new telephone directory for Union and Wallawa counties. The directory is complete, and contains much valuable information to members of the exchange. Since copy for the directory was furnished the printer, a few changes have been made, and in order that the book may be complete, a slip with the changes has been prepared and pasted to the outside of the cover. These changes are printed below, and it will pay the members of the exchange to look this list over before calling for numbers.

Black 551	Birlew J W, r
Red 1411	Bookman H J, r
Black 931	Carbine E Z, Fruitdale
Farmers 1997	Carbine W V, farm
Red 1451	Childers F P, r
Red 921	Clark Jeanette, r
Black 791	Cleaver Geo L, r
Black 281	Coffin Cora E, r
Farmer 194x9	Cross W T, farm
Black 1562	Earls J W, r
Red 1771	Ferrin C P, r
Farmer 1996	Holl John G, Fruitdale
Black 781	Jacobs Peter, r
Black 921	Kelly George, r
Black 921	Lambert J G, r
Black 921	La Grande Brewery
Red 892	Larson Martin, r
Red 841	Lew's Press, r
Red 1192	Manning Lillie, r
Red 462	Mattison Mrs Jennie B, r
Red 381	McCoy James, r
Red 932	Oldenburg L, Fruitdale
Main 30	Roesch Julius, r
Farmer 194xx	Sherwood W O, farm
Black 422	Taylor Mrs Fred, r
Red 441	Theisan P J, r
Red 1592	Wilson F G, r

### Excursion To California

Under auspices of the Oregon Development League, leaves Portland on special train January 15.

Secretary Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Development League, is very anxious that the state at large should be well represented on this excursion. The party which will be composed of ladies and gentlemen, leaves Portland at midnight, January 15, 1906, stops being made at Sacramento, San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose, Paso, Robles, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. Special entertainment will be accorded the party at these points. The rate from Portland will be \$63 for one person, which includes three meals to be served on diner between Portland and Sacramento, and Pullman berth to Los Angeles. A rate of \$68 will be charged where two people occupy a double berth. A deposit of \$25 is necessary on each ticket to secure reservation. Section reservations will be until December 25th. This is an excellent opportunity to visit California, as the auspices under which it is given insures a most enjoyable outing.

The excursion is to be run only provided that not less than 125 persons make the trip. All accommodations in reference to reservations, and to the trip in general should be addressed to Mr. Tom Richardson, Manager Portland Commercial Club, Portland, Oregon.



### 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 smell 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 great choice of meals 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  
Paper Racks :: :: 50c to \$2.00

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.

### OUR PICTURE DEPARTMENT

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

Our frames and our pictures are absolutely the finest ever shown in the city. Christmas gifts galore at from the lowest to the highest prices. Framings of all kinds at all prices.

ADCOOK & HARRIS,  
ADAMS AVENUE

## ENGRAVED GOODS

The Observer is in a position to offer to its patrons a splendid line of engraved Visiting Cards, Wedding Announcements and At Home Cards at prices just the same as you send away only we pay the postage. Call on us and look at our samples

### THESE ARE OUR PRICES:

English Script cards, per 100.....\$2.00  
French Script, very latest, per 100.....\$3.00  
Shaded Old English, per 100.....\$3.50  
Roman, 100 cards.....\$3.00  
Solid Old English, 100 cards.....\$3.00  
Gothic, 100 cards.....\$2.50  
Printing future orders from any copper plate, 50 cards 75c, 100 cards.....\$2.00  
Wedding Invitations from \$3.00 a 100 to \$21.00 a 100.

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

## THE OBSERVER

## Ready For Business

WITH A FULL LINE OF FEED, HAY AND GRAIN

We are ready to buy all kinds of hay and grain, and pay the highest market prices.

A. V. OLIVER  
Slater Building

JEFFERSON AVE Main 57