

# 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.

**SUSPENDERS**      **GRAVETTES**      **HOUSE COAT**  
**OVERCOAT**      **SUIT**      **UNDERWEAR**  
**HAT**      **NECKWEAR**      **GLOVES**  
**HOSIERY**      **S. IRTS**      **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.

## 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**

### 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 63
" 30, 1901	351,505 38
" 15, 1902	498,375 84
" 9, 1903	553,601 39
" 6, 1904	571,854 02
November 9, 1905	613,029 52

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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**ADVERTISING RATES**  
Display Ad rates furnished upon application. Local reading notices 10c per line first insertion, 5c per line for each subsequent insertion. Resolutions of condolence, 5c per line. Orders of thanks, 5c per line.

### COMMON SCHOOLS

The common or free school was unknown to classical Greece and Rome. These, so called republics, which are held up as models to pattern after, and as examples of high intellectuality by our literature, learned men and higher institutions of learning, paid no attention to the education of the masses. In fact the oligarchists that controlled these republics held the common people in dread and viewed with disfavour all proposition for the betterment and education of the common people lest they would thereby become unmanageable and cease to be mere unthinking contributors to the power and wealth of the few usurpers, who in the name of liberty, lived luxuriously by plundering the common people.

The free public school is of New England origin. In 1642 a school was instituted in Hartford Conn, and funds for it provided from the public treasury. This is the first free public school of which we have been able to find any record. In 1670, one-fourth of the annual revenue of the colony of Connecticut was spent for the support of the common schools, a liberality not much surpassed by any of the states today.

There were 112,047 children in Oregon from 5 to 18 years old in 1902; of these 100,659 were enrolled as pupils in the common schools and the sum of \$1,802,227 was expended by the state, counties and school districts in maintaining the common schools of the state for that year. In the whole United States in 1902 out of 22,231,865 children 5 to 18 years of age, 15,925,887 of these were enrolled as pupils in the common schools, and the sum of \$255,208,465 expended for said schools.

While the people pay nearly a quarter of a billion of dollars annually to support the common schools, and pay it cheerfully, this fact should not blind us to the defects in them and make us indolent in insisting for change for the better. We send our children to school to be educated. This brings up the question: What do we mean by the term education? What do we mean when we say a person is educated? In answer to the first question we say: education is an art, the art, namely, of developing the faculties; of training human beings for the functions and duties for which they are destined. To the second question we answer that an educated person is one whose faculties mental, moral and physical have been so developed as to enable him to easily perform the duties imposed upon him in life's work and commence life with an equipment of facts and habits that will conduce to a reasonable success.

Our common school course should be widened to include more of nature and the natural forces that are in constant operations about us for it is with these forces all will have largely to contend in making a living on the farm in the factory or mines or in dealing with the products thereof.

### THE CROSS OF IDLENESS

A quarter of a million poor in London are crucified upon the cross of idleness. In misery, squalor, want, filth, sickness and despair they roam the streets pitifully crying, "Work, not charity." The nails of fate are driven into their helpless forms and they are unable to get away from their condition. And yet there are those of us who

condem men and women for not raising more children, where they are able, healthy, sensible and fitted in every sense for the responsibility.

But as long as the shadow of the cross of idleness falls upon the world, thinking men and women will shudder when they think of increasing its population. The unfortunate truth is that those who are least fitted for rearing children often burden the world with the greatest number, especially in the great cities. They rear this cross of idleness to stand as a perpetual shadow over their offspring.—East Oregonian.

Mr. Armour is said to have lost \$5,000,000 on wheat. That will be sad news for the meat consumers who will be expected to make it up.

### WE DELIVER DRUG STORE GOODS

We do this to accommodate you and it costs you nothing extra. It's not philanthropy, but simply another of our business methods by which we expect to get more trade; so don't hesitate to 'phone, or get word to us in any way you wish, to have goods sent to you.

Everything we send will be first class: if you are not satisfied you can return the goods and get your money back.  
NEWLIN DRUG CO.

### 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.

### A Creeping Death.

Blood poison creeps up toward the heart causing death. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Minn., writes that a friend dreadfully injured his hand, which swelled up like blood poisoning. Bucklen's Arnica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound, and saved his life. Best in the world for burns and sores 25c at Newlin's Drug Store.



### 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 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 week-day meal tickets for \$4.50

### OUR SPECIALTY

Fall vegetables of all kinds at the lowest current prices. Our apples are especially full from 60c to \$1.00 a box. E dollar box gets you the best apples to found in town.

Watch for our new wagon which goes by your door daily.

SEATTLE GROCERY COMPANY  
ZUNDEL & LAWSON.

**BRICK BRICK**

Brick furnished in any quantity or any style. No contract too small or too large. See samples of our pressed brick.

**GEO. KREIGER**  
La Grande, Oregon

## 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.....\$2.90  
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 \$8.00 a 100 to \$24.00 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