

# 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.

<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.

## VanBuren's SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

### For the Gentlemen

No Christmas present is more acceptable to a smoker than a box of choice cigars. We have them in boxes containing 12, 15 and 25 cigars, for 60c to \$3.00 per box

### Gifts for smokers

Beautiful line of Meerschaum pipes and cigar holders and Briar pipes, either plain or gold mounted.

### For the Ladies

A nice box of Lowney's candies, all sizes

## We want your Hay and Grain

AND WILL PAY THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE

We will take all you have, no matter whether it is only a few tons or if it is several hundred tons. We want all the hay in the valley and on some.

## A. V. OLIVER

WHOLESALE and RETAIL HAY and GRAIN DEALER

## 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	331,505 38
" 15, 1902	498,375 84
" 9, 1903	553,601 39
" 6, 1904	571,854 02
November 9, 1905	613,029 52

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### POLITICAL

The time is not far distant when under the Initiative and Referendum the people of Union county will have to make some showing as to how they desire the county business managed, by the choice of candidates they make for the several county offices to be elected at the election in June. Viewed from a business view point,

the business of this county is of a magnitude that county affairs should receive the serious attention of every voter. It would be well, if men could be selected to conduct our county affairs, not as a personal favor to the candidates, but for their fitness to perform the duties of the office to which they aspire.

It takes a large sum of money to conduct Union county. According to the official statement of the expenses of Union county filed in the office of the secretary of state on Jan. 21, 1904, there were paid out in the year 1903 by Union county officials \$42,090 and in the year 1902 the expenses were \$59,672. In addition to the foregoing Union county had to pay its share of state expenses. The above figures are recited for the purpose of showing the business that our county officials handle.

Business men, in selecting agents to manage a business as large as that of Union county would want to know, in detail how he proposed to manage it, and would not be satisfied with general statements and vague assertions from the applicant for a position that he was in favor of economy and carrying out the statutes of the state.

Such general declarations have neither definite meaning or binding force. What one man would claim to be an economical expenditure of public money, another may deem it a piece of wasteful extravagance; and so it is with carrying out the law, one may think the law requires one thing and another will be equally emphatic.



## Two Dyspeptics

If you are too fat it is because your food turns to fat instead of muscle—strength. If you are too lean the fat producing foods that you eat are not properly digested and assimilated. Lean, thin, stringy people do not have enough Pepsin in the stomach, while fat people have too much Pepsin and not enough Pancreatic.

## Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

contains all the digestive juices that are found in a healthy stomach, and in exactly those proportions necessary to enable the stomach and digestive organs to digest and assimilate all foods that may be eaten. Kodol is not only a perfect digestant, but it is a reconstructive, tissue building tonic as well. Kodol cures Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Palpitation of the Heart and Constipation. You will like it.

### Digests What You Eat

Rests the stomach, rebuilds the tissues and gives firm flesh.

Small bottle holds six times as much as the trial, or 80 cent size.

Prepared at the Laboratory of E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, U.S.A.

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that the law means the reverse.

There probably never was a county official elected to any office in this county, who, prior to his election, did not declare he was for an economical expenditure of the county funds, and on assuming the duties of his office takes an oath to follow and obey the constitution of Oregon and the statutes thereof; yet so queer has been the ideas of many of our county officials in the past that the county is now burdened with a heavy debt; and so unaccountable have been their consciences to the meaning of these oaths which attempted to bind them to support the constitution of the United States and of this state and to faithfully perform the duties of his office, that notwithstanding the constitution of Oregon plainly says:

No county shall create any debts or liabilities which shall singly or in the aggregate exceed the sum of \$5,000, except to suppress insurrection or rebellion, "the indebtedness of this county is today something like \$160,000 or thirty times larger than the constitution limits it to. These things are mentioned to emphasize the importance of knowing what the candidates mean by economy and compliance with law, before they are placed in office.

This county needs much better roads than it would be but a business precaution on the part of the voters to know just what the men who are elected to the county board will do and to know what the men they put in charge of our public roads want and will try to do to improve our roads. In fact no man should have a place on the county ticket who has no definite ideas of how he will act in office, and has the manhood to tell the voters what his ideas are. Noncommittables should be viewed with suspicion and left at home.

### SANTA CLAUS'S LETTER BOX.

Santa Clause has left a letter box at the Newlin Co.'s Stationary Store for the children to mail their letters to him.



### 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's meal tickets for \$4 50



### GOOD THINGS FOR XMAS

That are not only good but superior to what can be had anywhere else for such low prices, as you can easily prove by examining the stock of elegant goods here. We have selected these goods especially for the holiday season, and know they cannot be surpassed.

PHONE MAIN 16

GEDDES BROS  
 NORTH FIR STREET

## IT MAY BE TOO LATE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

But it isn't too late to buy one of those fine art squares we have on display. Prices range from \$8 in grain all wool, to \$35 body brussels, Moquette and Axminster. All sizes, 9x9 up to 12x15. Rugs, small moquette and large sizes, \$3 to \$6. Chairs, Center Tables, Extension Tables, Desks, Music Racks, small bookcases are always needed and are handy and useful. Visit our show room on Depot street and let us show our line of couches. Best bargains ever offered.

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 Shaded Old English, per 100.....\$3.50  
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 Solid Old English, 100 cards.....\$3.00  
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 Wedding Invitations from \$8.00 a 100 to \$24.00 a 100.

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