

# The Last Days Before CHRISTMAS

are apt to be days of hurry and indiscriminate buying. Don't buy carelessly. Come here and you'll find plenty of gifts—mostly articles of every day utility. Such goods make the best gifts.

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These goods are all staple with us. We would advise that you select before the last minute. There's excellent choice now.

**RED CROSS DRUG STORE**

## Christmas Gifts.

**T**HE joy that's born of Christmas gifts is not within themselves. Or you or I could pick our joys from any merchant's shelves. And you could buy more costly things than ever I could give. And though no friend should come your way contented you could live. Yet some poor trinket rich becomes and treasure to the end. Because it is the symbol of a true and loyal friend.

The thing is nothing as it lies upon a merchant's shelf, And scarce a thought you'd give to it for what it is itself. There may be thousands like it round about you everywhere, But let a friend bring it to you and straightway it is rare. For something of that friend into his simple gift is wrought And it becomes a precious thing—a token of a thought.

We are a sentimental clan, we fight and strive for gold, Yet treasures which we closest guard are never bought or sold; The things we value most are not the gems our money buys, But all those sweet and lovely things that memory bids us prize. The faded slippers of a babe not in themselves are dear, But in the thoughts they bring to us of one no longer here.

And so it is with Christmas gifts, 'tis friends who make them rare, The trifle that with love is rich has worth beyond compare; The moment that it passes from some friendly hand to you it has assumed a value that before it never knew. And what was common in itself is now beyond all price Because it represents to you some good friend's sacrifice.

**Christmas the Same as Ever.**  
Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be. \* \* \* Never heard such dismal reminiscences. \* \* \* Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. \* \* \* Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry and your new year a happy one.—Charles Dickens.

## Christmas of Long Ago

**I**n the midnight sky a wonder; A star in the east glow, And mellowest voice thunders, Christmas of long ago.

With gaze upturned the angels, Poor shepherds bending low; A rupture to light the ages, Christmas of long ago.

O Child-God laid in the manger, Who bore no sinners' load; To the lords of earth a stranger—Outcast of Bethlehem!

The message came to the lowly; Thy star was sent to the wise, And "Peace" and "Love" were the holy Words from the midnight skies.

They filled the heart of one other, To his own sweet overlow; Peace and love to the mother, Christmas of long ago.

Has Time's dust dimmed its glory? Have ten years dimmed its rays? Is it now too old a story For laughing, chattering days?

Oh, ever our hearts shall harken To the angel's chant above, And never shall distance darken The star that shines in love.

And ever shall smile the mother, Mother whose child was God; God, who took men for brothers; Brother our ways who led.

Forever in joy completed, Shall the clear, glad message show, And its angel voice sound sweet— Christmas of long ago. —Joseph I. C. Clarke.

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## The Christmas Fire

**By HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD**  
**T**HE tree grew green in the forest, Grew green in the sun and the dew; His branches reached for the shadows, He feathered his tips in the blue, And happy the air about him Wherever his balsam flew.

Drenched with the rains of the summer, Plunged from his stems spun the showers, Soft dropped the snow on his mantle, Dreams wove of silver and flowers, And over him white light trilling The stars swam through darkling hours.

Groping where great rock pillars Stand shouldering rank on rank, His roots at the cold sweet sources The ancient fables drank, And he swept with the earth companion As the vast slices rose and sank.

His boughs brushed low on your forehead As a passing wing might brush, When night winds made shrill music In the heavens, and hush, oh, hush! For deep in his deepest covert He hid the hermit thrush.

Low have they laid the giant, And they hale him home with mirth, And they fan the fires that twinkle, And sing round his mossy girth, And make with a mighty magic The life of the Christmas hearth.

For his flames give the spicy fragrance Of the summer atmosphere, While the breath of the woody hollows The luster and light of the year, The blossom, the bird song, the breeze cheer He sheds through the Christmas cheer.

And the message of peace and blessing In the great fire's glow they mark, With the lad from the war and the sailor Home from his tossing bark; Ere the Christmas bells come chiming Like the touch of the frost on the dark.

And widely on pane and ceiling Sparkles a fiery foam, And the children dance with their shadows Like the forest sprites with the gnomo While the great log roars and blazes, The heart of the joy of home.

And the check that has long been withheld With an old rose blooms once more As memories glow like the embers Whose flashes sink and soar With the Christmas fire's warm glory Where the log burns red at the core. —Wongqua's Home Companion.

## Test Your Gifts.

**C**HRISTMAS gifts should be free from frippery, mere temporary worth, the solely worldly or material value. This is the first test-generousness.

The second, a Christmas gift should be in keeping with one's purse—moderation.

A Christmas gift should display good taste—carefulness.

A Christmas gift should confer a real benefit—thoughtfulness.

A Christmas gift should produce unfeigned pleasure—interest.

A Christmas gift should be something you would wish associated with thoughts of yourself—friendship.

A Christmas gift should, if possible, be something that can be shared with others—kindliness.

A Christmas gift should, as long as it lasts, give as much delight as on Christmas morning—quality.

A Christmas gift should be something you yourself would be glad to possess—sincerity.

A Christmas gift should be something you have selected, not something picked up by chance—heartiness.

A Christmas gift should be something you take pleasure in thinking of afterward as having been given by you to your friend—satisfaction.—Christian Herald.



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- \$3.50 Doll Dining Furniture Set—Table and 2 Dining Chairs \$2.98
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### SHOE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

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- Men's All-felt House Slippers in gray and black, with heavy felt soles. Special... 89c

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La Grande Store

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- \$2.25 Imported Fruit Sets, 7 pieces, floral patterns. Special, per set... \$1.83
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### DRYGOODS DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

- Silk Flounce Petticoats with silk finish top. Special... \$2.39
- All Toilet and Manicure Sets at Christmas Special Reductions. See the Window

### MEN'S DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

- Boys' Indian Suits. Special \$1.45
- Boys' Leather Chaps. Special \$1.78
- Boys' Military Suits. Special \$1.45
- Boys' Cowboy Outfits. Special... \$1.68

## Art. A. Wenzel Sends Christmas Greetings

Congratulates Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club on their Good Work for the Community. The following letter wishing the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club a Merry Christmas was received by the president, L. M. Hoyt, from Art Wenzel, formerly of La Grande, one of the founders and live wires of the club:

Merrill, Wis., Dec. 17, 1917.

Mr. L. M. Hoyt, La Grande, Ore.

Dear Friend Lou:—

I presume you will be very much surprised to learn that I am today sending you via parcel post, the minute book of the Club, but believe me I have never forgotten about it. I thought of it more often than I really found time to work on it. This has been a very busy season for us and it has kept me jumping all the time.

I have not found time to write you and a great many of my other good friends out there as often as I really would have liked to, but nevertheless I think and talk about all

of you very often. I certainly do miss the fine hunting and fishing we had out there and whenever I notice by the La Grande paper that the club is pulling off some of its annual stunts or that the hunting season is about to open on the various kinds of game it certainly makes my heart yearn for a few days of the good sport which I used to have out there. I have also noticed that you have had your hands pretty full this summer with the city water department, but you certainly can feel proud of the excellent system you have charge of and of the fine water to take the place of beer.

Just a few lines about the minute book: I believe you will find everything pretty well recorded with the exception of the last meeting or two at which time it was rather hard to get some body to take up the duties of secretary and treasurer. No doubt you have some record of this and it can easily be supplied. I have often felt that it was hardly necessary

to keep accurate minutes or a report of the various meetings, because they are so very seldom referred to. I certainly wish the club all kinds of good success and I know they are doing more good for the community especially from a hunting and fishing standpoint than what most people realize. This country back here is practically cleaned out, but I feel certain that it would not be too late to improve these conditions provided we had the Oregon system of supplying fish and game and each community had a "Live Wire" club such as you have in La Grande.

Please remember me to all of the boys and you can tell them that I think of them often even though I do not write to them personally. I certainly will never forget you or any of them. With kind regards and best wishes and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all, I remain,

Yours very truly, ART A. WENZEL.

## War War War ON USED CARS

We will sell at Public Auction all of our used cars, December 22, 1917, at Hilton's Garage, 1414 Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon.

Sale Starts at 2 o'Clock Sharp

The following list shows some excellent buys.

- 2—REO 6, 1917, 7-passenger.
- 1—STUDEBAKER 6, 1914, truck.
- 1—COLE 8, 1917, 7-passenger.
- 1—STUDEBAKER 4, 1915, 5-passenger.
- 1—BUICK 4, 1914, 5-passenger.
- 1—MITCHELL 4, 1915, 5-passenger.
- 1—OAKLAND 4, 1915, 5-passenger.
- 1—OVERLAND 4, 1910, 5-passenger.
- 1—DODGE 4, 1916, roadster.
- 1—BRISCOE 4, 1917, 5-passenger.
- 1—CARTERCAR 4, 1915, 5-passenger.
- 1—DORT 4, 1916, 5-passenger.
- 1—MAXWELL 4, 1916, 5-passenger.
- 1—FORD, 1915, 5-passenger.
- 1—FORD, 1913, 5-passenger.
- 3—FORDS, 1914, 5-passenger.
- 1—INDIAN MOTORCYCLE.

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- Table Lamp
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Tree Lightening Outfit
- Two-way Socket
- Flatiron
- Disc Stove
- Chafing Dish
- Percolator
- Portable Floor Lamp
- Sewing Machine Motor
- Curling Iron Heater
- Grills
- Heating Pads

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Turn your attention to the following necessities for your Christmas dinner.

- Heinz's Plum and Fig Puddings—Sauce Recipe with each.
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- Barrington Hall Coffee—has no equal, 45c a pound.
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- Shelled Peas and Pine Nuts.
- Brazil, Filberts and Pecan Nuts.
- Cream Brick, Camembert, Pimento and New York Cheese.

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## A BICYCLE!

It's the gift supreme—practical, health-giving, more an investment than a purchase, because it broadens their world—brings the distance to your children's doorstep and saves far more than its cost in doctor's bills.

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