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There will be an unusual demand for practical, sensible gifts this Christmas. This is true because all of us are striving to practice economy.

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NEWS OF LA GRANDE

Improves Rapidly—Word has been received from Roy A. Creek who was operated on in Portland, saying he is improving rapidly.

Returns to Wallowa—Mrs. M. Myers, of Wallowa, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Dungan, returned home this morning.

Sells 280 Acre Farm—Peter Allen has just sold his farm of 280 acres near the Iowa school house to Ed. D. Wilson. The La Grande Investment Co. transacted the deal.

To Visit Parents—Miss Emma Mueller of the O. W. R. & N. emergency hospital leaves for Portland tonight where she will spend Christmas with her parents.

Motor From Montana—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dadd of Dillon, Montana, left this morning for Pendleton in a fine big limousine. They have motored from their home in Montana.

To Visit Brother—Superintendent of Schools J. O. Russell, wife and son, of Athena, are expected to arrive Saturday night to spend a week with Mr. Russell's brother, Bert Russell.

Leaves for Idaho—Mrs. E. R. Humphries left for Idaho Falls where she will join her husband who is employed by the daily paper there. Mr. Humphries was formerly with the Observer.

Plenty of Turkeys—The Grande Ronde Meat Co. has received turkeys for Christmas dinners and there will be plenty while they last, but they will "last quick."

Hot Lake Misses Rain—During the past few days the Hot Lake people have been crowing over La Grande as the heavy rain storm did not reach them. Road work was not stopped and only a slight sprinkle of rain Wednesday evening was observed.

Charlie McCaffree in France—A letter has been received from Charlie McCaffree who is in France. He was formerly assistant chief clerk of the O. W. R. & N. and is now with the 18th engineer corps and doing fine. Says he is very busy but has time to send best regards to all those inquiring of him.

To Give Show—The Honor Guard Girls of La Grande held a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. last night and decided upon a show for the benefit of the Syrian-Armenian relief. Rehearsals start immediately.

Arrested—Harold Yomeringer was arrested by city officials last night, charged with being a slacker, and lodged in jail here.

Earl Courtney Enlists—Earl Courtney, son of Mrs. C. E. Courtney of this city, enlisted in the quartermaster's department at Vancouver, Wash., and is now stationed at Newport, Va. He was formerly a fireman here.

To Spend Christmas Here—Mr. H. C. Grady expects his son, Harold Grady, and wife, to arrive Monday evening for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grady have been living in Portland, where they have a dancing academy.

Looks for Big Crop of Strawberries—Will S. Paddock, who is in partnership with L. A. Duke in a Union fruit ranch, expects to see a large crop of strawberries next year. The second crop this year was a failure owing to the heavy early frost.

Drive From Telocast—Wellington Eames, Mrs. Hyatt and Mrs. F. A. Eames, the Observer Telocast correspondent, drove over in their machine to spend 24 or 48 hours doing Christmas shopping. They found the road not nearly as bad as they had expected.

North Powder to the Front—North Powder is taking the lead in the purchase of thrift stamps, said Postmaster Bragg. Every day North Powder sends in a big order through the postoffice. The North Powder total is already over \$2000.

L. A. Duke Moves to La Grande—L. A. Duke, who is the owner of a fruit ranch at Union which is used for its evergreens, has moved to La Grande to be near his son, Harvey, who is with the Creamery Co. Mr. Duke found it too lonely on the ranch with both boys away as Perry is in the army and Harvey in the creamery and has rented the ranch and moved to La Grande for probably the duration of the war.

Improve Road to Cemetery—At the city commission meeting the matter of improving the road to the cemetery was considered. The city will cooperate with the owners of adjoining land and undertakers and lodge men in making repairs. A committee of ladies visited the cemetery and discussed the matter of keeping children off the streets; also the dance hall problem was discussed and the care of women prisoners.

Drainage Meeting Tomorrow—The people of Ladd's and Canyon creeks are all enthused up over the coming meeting to be held on Saturday to elect the directors of the Grande Ronde drainage district. There is much running to and fro and canvassing the abilities of the different men who are being considered as commissioners.

Will Discuss Gary Plan—Harold Mason of the La Grande schools will attend the State Teachers' Association in Portland next week and lead the discussion in the manual training section on December 28 on the topic, "Education Under the Gary Plan."

Mrs. Tickner Given Present—The ladies of the Baptist church, on behalf of the B. W. O. C. presented the wife of their retiring pastor with a handsome hot-point cooking outfit. The meeting was entirely informal, the presentation being made by a number of members of Mrs. Tickner's warm friends and associates were bidding her farewell.

Home for the Holidays—Miss Gladys Metcalf, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Fisher, who is a Junior at Whitman college, accompanied by Miss Mildred Oliver, a sophomore of the same college, arrived home at midnight Wednesday night to spend their Christmas holidays with their parents. Both young ladies had to cut one class to enable them to make the train and save 24 hours of the holiday season.

Union Boy in Quartermaster's Department—Perry R. Duke, of Union, who joined the U. S. army four months ago, is now first clerk in the quartermaster's department at Madison barracks, N. Y. His company is number 396, Q. M. D. His father received an interesting letter from him Tuesday. The weather at Madison barracks is cold and there is three feet of snow on the ground. The boys have been skating for the past six weeks as the barracks are on the border of Lake Ontario, 240 miles from New York City. Perry says that the talk of soldiers not getting grub enough is rot. The troops are well fed and there is an ample variety of food also. Perry was formerly clerk for C. J. Forstrom of North Powder but entered a wholesale house in San Francisco and quit from there. He expects to depart for the front in the very near future.

Thirty-six Years an Engineer—Lew Given is the oldest engineer in point of service in any in the employ of the O. W. R. & N. Thirty-six years ago he started as a watchman on the engine that was hauling material to lay the track between Umatilla and Pendleton. Thirty years ago he moved to La Grande but there was no La Grande at that time. Dan Grandy's old home—it is still standing about a block below the Foley hotel—was the only house practically and it was the ranch house of a big farm. Mr. Given has the last mail run numbers four and five, and in his thirty-six years of service no passenger or railroad employee has ever been killed or injured by him or his engine or train. Mr. Given married a young La Grande lady 18 years ago, a Miss Forest, daughter of Engineer Forrest. Miss Forrest and her chum, Mrs. Schilke's daughter, Miss Edna Scott, were both printers on the Observer when Miss Forrest was married to Mr. Given. Mr. Given is again temporarily on the Observer staff as she has taken her friend, Mrs. Frank Day's place as subscription collector during Mrs. Day's absence in Portland for a few months.



Three Days More

Friday Saturday Monday

This Store Open All Evenings for Christmas Shoppers

A Practical Gift Makes a Heart of Cheer

STATIONERY Fancy Christmas Boxes, all sizes, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 39c, 49c, 69c, 98c and \$1.19	BUY A PAIR OF SHOES Ladies' Novelty Shoes \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.00, \$3.90 and \$9.90 Ladies' Staples \$2.98, \$3.93 and \$4.93 Boys' Shoes... \$1.69, \$1.98 \$2.25, \$2.49, \$2.69, \$2.98 \$3.25 and \$3.50 Girls' Shoes \$1.49, \$1.69 \$1.89, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.49 \$2.69, \$2.93, \$3.25, \$3.50 Infant's Shoes 35c, 59c, 98c \$1.19, \$3.50 and... \$1.49 Boys' High Tops \$2.49 \$2.98, \$3.50 and... \$3.98 Men's Dress Shoes \$2.98 \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90 and \$7.50	BUY HIM A SUIT \$9.90, \$12.50, \$14.75 MACKINAW Boys' \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90 Men's \$6.90, \$7.90, \$8.90 JERSEYS \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49 UNDERWEAR Two-piece 98c, \$1.49 and \$1.98 Unions \$1.25, \$1.49 \$1.98, \$2.49, \$2.98 and \$3.98 LUNCH SETS Blue designs 98c TABLE LINENS Per yard 98c, \$1.49 \$1.69 and \$1.98
CHRISTMAS JEWELRY Cuff Links... 25c, 49c, 93c Cuff Link Sets 69c, 98c and \$1.49 Tie Pins 49c, 69c, 93c Tie Pin Sets... 93c, \$1.49 Girls' Bracelets... \$1.49 Beauty Pins 10c, 15c, 25c and 49c Hat Pins 10c, 25c, 49c Brooches... 25c, 45c, 98c Hair Pins... 19c, 25c, 49c	BUY A PAIR OF SLIPPERS Men's... \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49 Boys' 59c, 79c, 98c Girls' 49c, 59c, 69c, 98c Children's 49c, 59c Ladies' 69c, 98c, \$1.19 and \$1.49	
BUY A SWEATER Boys' 49c, 98c, \$1.19, \$1.49 and \$1.98 Men's... \$1.19, \$1.49, \$1.98 \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90 Ladies' \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90	PURSES 49c, 92c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.98 and \$3.98	
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LOST—One bay gelding, coming three years old, branded (bar G) G, on left shoulder; last seen near the Myers ranch near Union. Reward. W. H. GLENN, Imbler, Oregon. 12-21-17.

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Phone your Want Ads to the Observer, Main 37.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp is in Baker visiting relatives.

C. H. Fisher of Enterprise was a guest at the Oregon in Portland Wednesday.

Nora E. Parson of Enterprise is registered at the Pendleton hotel.

C. T. Schoonmaker of Pendleton left for his home on No. 15.

Frank Golden of Baker is in the city, registered at the Foley.

A. E. Robb of Spokane is at the Foley.

The Ole Olson Co. passed through the city this morning to Enterprise.

T. Bright, of the 346th artillery of Camp Lewis, passed through the city to his home in Lostine.

During the war electric signs will be turned out after 11 p. m. It is estimated that 255,000 tons of coal are burned each year to maintain this claim of advertising.

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A beautiful line of Ivory Reed and folding tea wagons.
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Just the thing for him.
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This is our long suit. Just the thing for her. Genuine Tennessee cedar.
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We have them in all finishes and periods.
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All kinds of rockers and chairs for the little ones.
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What would be more acceptable than a pretty rag rug for the bath room?
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The Columbia line—the one incomparable musical instrument.

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