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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Observer wishes all of its readers, all of its patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us lay aside all cares, all troubles for a day, join with the children and make merry. There is so much to be happy about, home and friends, good health, good climate, good government, that our hearts should rise lightly to the occasion, to the greatest of all anniversaries—Christmas.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Silent Night! Holy Night! The infant in his manger. All this happened many years ago. It is a wonderful thing that the world is still worshipping at the shrine of the mother and her child; wonderful that the highest ideals of the nations today are "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men." Weak though the flesh is, our ideals are sound, and some day when the people of the world come into their own, when the hard-hearted monarchs are overthrown, when profit is eliminated from war, perhaps the Prince of Peace will really and truly reign on earth. Blessings on America for her espousal of the Cause of the People of the World.

CARING FOR SICK CHILDREN

The American Red Cross has just opened a children's dispensary in the garage in the Old Hotel Chatelet, at Evian, France, which is now the American Children's hospital. The Evian hospital has seventy beds and although but recently established is already over crowded with diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever and whooping cough cases.

The American doctors examine daily an average of five hundred children, arriving at Evian from behind the German lines. They send the contagious diseases to the American hospital. An American dentist has opened a dental dispensary in the kitchen of the old hotel with a dental chair improvised from a wine barrel. In the first week of the American dispensary at Evian, more than 2400 children were examined. Of this number at least 1900 were between the ages of 3 and 13 years.

WHO CAN DOUBT THIS EVIDENCE?

Germany even tried to seduce China. China was to have had a part in the proposed Hindu revolt, according to letters seized in New York and offered as evidence in the Hindu plot trial at San Francisco. In these, Berlin's agent for Hindu affairs in New York proposed to negotiate a secret treaty between Germany and China through the secretary to former President Li Yuan Hung. China was to agree to encourage Hindu rebels and help smuggle them arms. "Help as she can, secretly and in accord with her own safety." In return, Germany was to agree to take China's part if any power attacked her.

Can any sane man or woman doubt that Germany had plots and plans, stratagems and intrigues for a world conquest?

The American Red Cross and the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis are emphasizing the need of more clinics in connection with the annual Christmas sale of Red Cross seals. The seals may provide any community with funds to start a clinic. It largely depends upon your personal interest and endeavor.

The Woman That Pays



by check instead of in currency escapes a lot of worry about money matters. She has an accurate record of where her money goes and a receipt for every penny she has paid out. Besides it's so much safer to have the cash in the bank than in the home. Our special department for women will be glad to give information.

La Grande National Bank

BUY A RED CROSS STAMP; HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS



Land Owners Elect Drainage Supervisors

John Wells, I. E. Chenault and George Benson to Oversee Big Project.

The Grande Ronde Drainage District completed its organization Saturday afternoon by electing as the board of supervisors John Wells, of Allice, I. E. Chenault, who lives between La Grande and Cove, and George Benson, of Union.

The project, when completed, will drain 44,000 acres of land.

The land owners representing 23,000 acres were present at the meeting which was held at the court house.

Aliens Are Arrested

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Attorney General Gregory has authorized the following statement:

A considerable number of Austro-Hungarians have been arrested in various parts of the country by the department of justice on the ground that they are dangerous to the safety of the country, and they are now being held, pending final examination of their records. Undoubtedly many of them will promptly be interned for the period of the war.

"Ashes of Hope," a real red-blooded story of the great untrained west. Star theatre Thursday and Friday. 12-24-25.

POLITICAL NOTES

Cusick Announces Candidacy.

E. D. Cusick, a banker of Albany, has announced his candidacy for State Treasurer. He is a brother-in-law of E. B. Piper, editor of The Oregonian.

THE FORUM

THE WAY IT LOOKS TO ME.

Scripture is being fulfilled before our very eyes. The nations are angry and the world is in an uproar, just because the people have tried to get along without God, and I am bound to say, as did the Sky Pilot, "I am right, I feel I'm right; Men cannot live without Him and Be Men."

These are the days that the clerks in the stores and the postal employees take on extra burdens. For the work they do so well and so uncomplainingly, The Observer thanks them and wishes them a merry Christmas.

The Red Cross Christmas Seal is another link in the chain of educational publicity. Today its success is regarded by the American Red Cross as vital to the welfare of the country in this crisis.

Every newspaper likes to be quoted and The La Grande Evening Observer (which says it as shouldn't) is quoted as often as any newspaper in the state.

According to the custom of the past, The Observer will not publish an edition on Christmas Day.

An Astoria barber inherits \$100,000. What would you do if you inherited that much money?

Why do the Oregonian and the Journal get Fred J. Holmes' initials Fred G.?

Japan wants Siberia as her price for helping out in the war. Even nations have their price, it seems.

Now all together—one last charge for the Red Cross goal.

RIPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

By Comparison

When anything goes wrong with me, I don't rear up and curse, but think of chaps across the sea, who suffer nine times worse. I have rheumatism in my bones, those marrowbones of mine, and sometimes I would hand out groans, and shed some tears of brine; and then I think of men who fight in trenches far away; they crouch in water through the night, and toil through mud by day. They have so many kinds of aches, so many sores and sprains, they think rheumatic twinges takes, mere imitation pains. Then I'm ashamed to roar and beef, and curse my luck ill-starred; I take my little tinhorn grief and plant it in the yard. Sometimes depression comes along, and burdens down my soul; I feel that things are going wrong, and hope is in the hole. Presentiments of coming ill through all my being flow; and then I think of Kaiser Bill, who's cornered human woe. How long would any ill of mine compare with ill of his? And now the sun begins to shine, and I remark, "Gee whizz!" Though you may feel misfortune's prod, affliction's jolt and jar, if you will only look abroad, you'll see how blest you are.



A Merry Christmas to You

Lots of people in La Grande will have their Christmas made more joyful by the receipt of gifts bought at this store.

In that way we are contributors to the Christmas cheer of these people, and that's naturally a cause for pleasure to us, even if they don't count us in on it.

But beyond that we want to extend our greetings and good wishes to all our customers, and to all men and women of La Grande.

We wish you all a merry Christmas; we hope the day will be wholly happy; that you will get what you want, or want what you get.

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(See Psalms 51:17)—"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

—H. F. B.

Better than "The Flame of the Yukon," and "Hell Morgan's Girl." That is what many have said of "Ashes of Hope." See it at the Star Thursday and Friday. 12-24-25.

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