

Useful Xmas Suggestions



Men's Newest Neckwear. Hundreds of new ties to select from. 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00

BUY SOMETHING USEFUL.

Hills Department Store

YANKEE NURSES SHOW METTLE

Girls Behind the Men Behind the Guns Are Doing Great Work.

OVER 12,000 NOW THERE

They Know They Have a Man-Sized Job and They Are Tackling It in a Man's Way—Morale is Perfect.

London.—America has poured a veritable army of her womanhood into war-torn Europe. To date over 12,000 American nurses have been sent over. Within the year there will be right here on the ground more than 24,000 of these American "girls behind the men behind the guns."

This is the estimate of Miss Carrie M. Hall of Boston, head of all American Red Cross nurses in Great Britain. Of the 12,000 now here, 10,000 are working in Great Britain in the dozen or more American hospitals that have sprung into being within the past six months. The remainder are staffing hospitals behind the lines in France.

With the arrival of American soldiers at Valenciennes came a contingent of nurses from the American Red Cross unit at Tokio, Japan. As hostilities and American casualties begin, there more United States Army regular nurses probably will be sent to Russia.

All Highly Trained.

All women sent over so far are highly trained graduate nurses, bacteriologists, dietitians and college trained hygiene experts. The war department in Washington has ruled that only these trained women may be sent over for the time being, at least.

For this reason General Pershing's recent call for 5,000 girl workers with the American army in France will be filled by British instead of American girls. England's women's army, the "W.A.A.C." (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) is now conducting a nationwide recruiting campaign for these British girl volunteers for duty as clerks, chauffeurs, typists, orderlies, telephone operators, etc., with the American army.

Practically every troop conveyer from the United States brings scores more of these women experts. They have done American business that have not yet felt the grim hand of war these blue-eyed Yankee girls, like their big brothers, are plunging into this onerous form of war with a determination and efficiency that has won for them already the unstinted praise of all the world.

They know they've got a man-sized job before them, stripped of the so-called glamour of war, and they're tackling it in a man's way. Up in the field and base hospitals under shell-fire and with the grim hand of night and day, working unobtrusively to save the lives of our boys.

Miss Hall, who was one of the first American nurses to arrive in France immediately after the United States decided to jump into the job of wounding up the war on the Rhine, was witness of the sterling quality of American womanhood in this war endeavor.

Morale is Perfect.

"I was one of the first to come over with the Harvard Base hospital unit. No sooner were we landed than we were attached to the British and hurried by near the first line to staff a little tented hospital city near Cambrai. There were two other American field hospitals near us.

It was a bright moonlight night. Our tents were shown up like a silver city. At midnight the alarm sounded. We leaped from our beds. There was no panic. The hum of the Hoche machine was plainly audible. Suddenly five deafening explosions told us they had gotten our camp. It only lasted about five minutes, but in that short

time their six bombs dropped in a straight line had nearly demolished our camp.

Tents containing American wounded were ripped to shreds, temporary hospital buildings moved down like a pack of cards. Six soldier patients were killed and a score or more injured. The morale of the nurses and doctors was wonderful. Forgetting self, they plunged into the work of rescue.

"One girl, Eva Parmelee of Boston was on duty in one of the tents most badly hit. One bomb fell so near her clothing was ripped and torn by bits of flying debris and pieces of sand lodged in the flesh of her face. Unhunted, she carried on through it all, tending here and there aiding wounded and assisting in the work of rescue. Not until it was all over did she realize the state of her clothes or the bits of sand in her face."

WILSON NAME ON MEN'S GARB

President Supplies King George V. on Latest French Populair Style Label.

Paris.—The name of President Wilson has supplanted those of King George V of England and of the late Emperor Nicholas of Russia as a label for popular styles in men's wearing apparel in the Paris shops.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

British Airman Goes Through Exciting Experience.

Tail of His Machine Shot Off While Flying at 16,000 Feet Over Ostend.

London.—A British airman flying a powerful machine at 16,000 feet over Ostend recently had the machine's tail shot off by the direct hit of a shell, a very unusual occurrence.

The machine turned upside down, out of control, and the pilot was thrown out of his seat. By some incredible maneuver he managed to clamber onto the bottom of the fuselage of the machine and of which he sat as he was riding a horse.

Though the machine was out of control, owing to the loss of its tail planes, yet by moving forward and backward he so managed to balance it that it glided steadily downward, although it was upside down.

He successfully brought it across the German lines and came safely to within a few hundred feet of the ground. Then he crashed and was injured, but is now recovering in hospital.

When it is considered that this incident occurred at a height of 16,000 feet, over hostile territory, and that during the airman's terribly precarious ride he was subject to anti-aircraft fire and liable to the attack of hostile scouts, it is not too much to say that his is a record achievement.

Recently another airman was shot down, out of control, from 15,000 feet, and fell fluttering like a leaf toward the ground. At a height of 9,000 feet he fainted. Shortly afterward he came to, and found himself in the machine upside-down in a crash, unburnt.

American Doughboy to Be Model for Statue

London.—An American doughboy is to be immortalized in a statue that will typify American and the part she is taking in the war.

Jacob Epstein, a private and sculptor, is seeking among the crowded Americans in English hospitals for a subject as a model from which to work out his conception.

Reason for With. "Did you notice how four wife lunched at all my jokes. She's got a keen sense of humor." "No, she's got a dimple."—Jokes.

AND HIS GRANDSON



Twenty men from Camp Mills, who expect to leave shortly for France, were guests of Colonel Roosevelt at Syster Bay. The men visited the famous trophy rooms and saw some of the trophies brought back from France by Capt. Archie Roosevelt. Colonel Roosevelt introduced to the men his youngest grandson, the son of Capt. Archie. The boys gave a cheer for the lusty youngster and then returned to camp. The photo shows Colonel Roosevelt with the baby.

Historians Differ as to Sugar

Historians differ as to the sugar cane was introduced by Columbus in Santo Domingo, that it spread from that island to Cuba and Mexico and that the Portuguese introduced it into Brazil, bringing it from Malabar. Some authorities have said that sugar cane was introduced into Louisiana in 1761 by Jesuit priests, who had it brought from Santo Domingo, while others give the date of the first planting of sugar cane as 1737 and make no reference to its having been brought in by the Jesuits.

Well, Many Don't See it Has

Robert was a thoughtful child and was used to reading the "why" to his own questions. One day a little boy came to him from next door. He asked questions continually and Robert finally looked at him curiously and said: "Haven't you a think of your own?"

Ten Bledging Practical Monopoly.

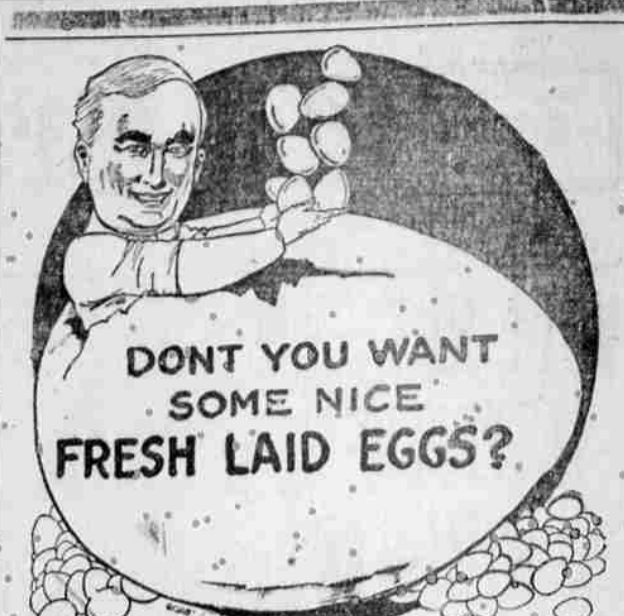
The business of ten bledging is peculiarly British. For 100 years Michigan has bledged tea for the whole world and brought the work into the region of an exact science.

CAUTION THANKS.

We wish to sincerely thank all our kind friends and neighbors for their sympathy and assistance during the sickness and death of Conrad Neiderer, our beloved son and brother. MR. AND MRS. CONRAD NEIDERER AND FAMILY. 12-3-18. pd.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Noticels are given that the County Superintendent of Lincoln County, Oregon, will give the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at La Grande High School as follows: Commencing Wednesday, December 13, 1918 at 9:00 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, December 14.



DONT YOU WANT SOME NICE FRESH LAID EGGS?

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number 21, 1918 at 4 o'clock p. m. Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing, (Penmanship), Arithmetic, Drawing. Friday Afternoon—School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government. Saturday Forenoon—Geometry, Botany. Saturday Afternoon—General History, Bookkeeping. Very truly yours, J. A. GURCHILL, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

LOST STRAWED OR STOLEN

Sched of white face cattle, Old cows brand X. Young cattle brand N K of left ribs. Reward for their return or information leading to their recovery. 12-2-18 N. S. WEST.



An International Service Built on Tiny Profits Per Pound

Some industries have been able to get in step with war demands more quickly than others.

In many cases mighty plants have sprung up—but at a prodigious cost.

The packing industry was able to adopt itself to unheard of demands more quickly, perhaps than any other industry. And this was because the vast equipment of packing plants, refrigerator cars, branch houses, etc., had been gradually developed to its present state of efficiency, so that in the crucial hour it became a mighty international system for war service.

And how had this development taken place?

Not by making vast inroads into the capital wealth of the country, but largely by using, from year to year, a portion of the profits, to provide for expansion.

Swift & Company's profits have always been so tiny, compared with sales, that they have had practically no effect on the price of meat (amounting to only a fraction of a cent per pound).

And yet the owners of the business have been content with reasonable returns on their capital, and have been able, year after year, to put part of the profits back into the business to provide for its expansion.

These fractions of tiny profits have been repaid to the public many fold in the form of better service, and better and cheaper meat, and made it possible for Swift & Company to meet, undaunted, the sudden cry for meat for overseas.

Could any other method of financing a vital industry involve less hardship to the people of the country? Could there be a better instance of true "profit-sharing" than this return in added usefulness and in national preparedness?

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



ROADS

PIRELLA OF FRANCE

"On 'Polly Anselotti,' a well-known novel, was 'The Polly Anselotti,' which in a serial in the Saturday Evening Post last winter, Margaret Wynnham made it into a picture, and Paramount has given it to the public with Watling Field as the star and supported by Ann Little, and a capable company, directed by Donald Crisp. This story concerns the adventures of a young American who becomes entangled in the schemes of a German plot somewhere in France," and at the same time with the story of a beautiful girl, not, however, until he has frustrated the plans of the German. Important papers obtained from the Germans by the Pirelli, an aviator, and turned them over to the Allies. It is a thrilling tale, timely and entertaining throughout. Arranged today only.

SHERRY'S

HARRY MOREY, PRESENTED IN ONE OF MOST CONVINCING ROLES

"A Young Wild Tale," the Vitagraph Blue Ribbon Feature, which will be the attraction in the Sherry Theatre today and tomorrow, is the amazing story of a gambler with love and death in that a young millionaire gets on foot in the electric chair to be saved by the girl, whose faith in him is stronger than the evidence which condemned him. It is a detective story and thrilling and is different from any written especially for Harry Morey by Tom Terriss, Vitagraph Director.

WILD CHASE OF SNOWSHOES AND SLIPS ARE FEATURE OF 8:30 P.M. EPISODE

Stykin's beautiful scene, going with a real thrill, is shown in the fifth episode of "A Fight for Millions," which will be on in the Sherry, this evening and tomorrow.

ARCADE TODAY



WALLACE REID "The Firefly of France"

The man and girl crouched, awaiting the German attack. An arriving German shell crashed and they were freed.

TOMORROW—"Up the Road With Polly."

LYCEUM COURSE NUMBER

Opening Number Will Be by Veleter's Quintet, December 10.

The first opening of the La Grande High School—M. C. A. Lyceum course will be at the school auditorium on Tuesday evening, December 10. On this date will be presented Veleter's Quintet, a musical organization in which stringed instruments will predominate. Further announcements will be made soon.

NEW TODAY

FOR RENT—Furnished steam heat rooms. 157 5th St. Main 701. 12-3-18 pd.

FOR SALE—A Super Six, Dodge, 1918, V-8, Red, good cars, all in good condition. Bargain if taken at once. La Grande Garage, C. A. McCarty, Prop. 12-3-18.

STRAYED—One red, 9 months old heifer, with horns. Registered L-1-8 on left hip. Last seen with Mr. Gibson cattle. Finder call B 2041 or write E. G. Lovell, La Grande, Ore. Reward. 12-3-18 pd.

The Supreme Test.

To reach our faith in our heads when broken and trodden beneath men's feet in the dust, to show how to lay aside our human selfishness, to witness our everlasting doubts and struggles, to continue our march, sustained only by the thought of duty and an unyielding will, to make the most of life as it is given us—that is the supreme test of all great souls. That is the real victory of faith that overcometh the world.—Edw. W. Worcester.

Fox Farms.

There are ten or twelve fox farms in Alaska. One of them, situated in the Tanana valley, a mile and a half from Fairbanks, consists of ten acres of cleared land, the greater part of which is covered with moss in which the animals live.

October.

October is so called from being the eighth in the year, according to the old Latin calendar. It was styled "winter month" by our Saxon ancestors. The festival of the Rosary is celebrated Oct. 1 in honor of the Virgin, who is especially invoked in the devotions for success, believed to have been obtained through her intercession in the battle of Lepanto, in 1571, when the Turks were defeated.

Just Like Willie.

Teacher—"Some rivers are sluggish in their course. What do I mean by a river being sluggish?" Willie—"It means that it likes to stick to its bed."

Got Drinking Water From Dew.

On the roof of Gibraltar and in some parts of England drinking water is obtained by condensation of the abundant dew in especially prepared "pans," which are pits in the earth filled with straw and covered with clay.

Job Printing, The Observer, Main 29

A beautiful line of Christmas cards for your selection at Newlin Ink & Stationery. 12-3-18.

Children's Coats

Just Arrived -- Children's Coats in all Sizes; this is the best assortment we have ever had the pleasure of showing.

Velvet Dresses

The very newest and most fashionable for this season.

Pendleton Robes -- We have just received another shipment of Pendleton Indian Robes, all new patterns.

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