

Preparedness Prompts People to Shop Early

You folks who haven't started your Christmas buying yet—it seems only fair to tell you that plenty of people—crowds of them—are choosing Christmas Gifts now.

Only Thirteen Shopping Days Left

And this big, convenient store is ready to serve you this year as never before for the real

Useful Gifts

Large assortments, quick service and last, but not least, the **BEST OF QUALITY**

Hill's Department Store

GIFTS

Notwithstanding the great difficulty of obtaining merchandise this year, you will find that

Our Holiday Selection is Better than Ever

Our windows this week will offer many helpful suggestions in **GIFTS UP TO \$1.00 AND GIFTS OVER \$1.00** A wide range of choice selections that will please everyone and fit everyone's pocket book.

The *Rexall Store*
C. D. PUTMAN

SHERRY'S

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Shanghaied by rival at his bachelor feast, Derrick Van Deekman, after a desperate voyage on a sailing vessel, is stranded on a little island, where he finds a beautiful daughter of an old race, the same blood as his own. Each learns to love the other, but he remains true to the girl he left behind, until she appears at the head of the rescuing party and learns that she really loved the rival all the time, leaving him free to marry the little island girl. This, in brief, is the fascinating romance pictured in "By the World's Edge," the Vitagraph Blue Ribbon Feature, which will be the attraction in the Sherry theatre today and tomorrow.

The author is Cyrus Townsend Brady, widely known, writer of fiction, and collaborator with Albert E. Smith, president of Vitagraph. "A Fight for Millions," the great western story is also on the program.

Hippodrome vaudeville, Arcade theatre, Wednesday night, 12-10-18

The Observer furnishes and prints Job printing, The Observer, Main 37, Rutter Wrappers.

Auto Tops Complete and Repaired

HARNESS AND SADDLE MANUFACTURER—ALL WORK DONE PROMPTLY.
TOLBERT M. SHANNON
1306 Adams Avenue

AUTO NUMBER PLATES READY BY DECEMBER 15

Chrome Yellow Background with Black Figures Adopted for 1919 Design.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—Chrome yellow background and black figures will be the colors of automobile license plates for 1919, offering a strong contrast to the gray ones of the 1918 license plates. The design for 1919 is similar to that of Pennsylvania for 1918.

"The new colors serve to carry out the provision of the motor vehicle law which requires that the number plates shall be of distinctive different color or shade each year," said Secretary of State O'cott. "The purpose of this provision is to furnish convenient visible evidence so that the general public and the peace officers throughout the state who are charged with the enforcement of the law may readily observe whether or not its requirements are being complied with."

All applications for license plates filed with Mr. O'cott by December 15 will be filled on that date, and thereafter plates applied for will be mailed on date of receipt of application.

WILL OPEN THURSDAY

Orchestra Will Be Present at Palace Immigration.

The new firm of Cain & Keith, proprietors of the Palace Confectionery, announce that their place of business will be formally opened to the public next Thursday evening, December 12. A full first class orchestra will dispense music on this occasion from 3 to 10 o'clock. All friends and the public in general are invited to be present and look over the establishment and the improvements that have been made. A social welcome is extended to all.

PLANNING AERIAL TRADE
LONDON, Dec. 10.—Australian commercial and financial interests are making plans to connect Australia with London and other parts of the British empire by commercial airplanes. A company already has been formed to finance the survey of an aerial route to London by way of Sydney and Port Said.

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE—Best alfalfa hay, \$27 per ton delivered. Telephone Red 2282. Edward Crossen, 1524 Monroe St. 12-10-18-pd.

FOR SALE—Apples 50¢ a box and up delivered. Phone Black 1152. 12-10-18.

WANTED—Woman to do washing for family of two. Call Black 3411. 12-10-18.

WANTED TO BUY—3 of 6 room house close in. Address E. Morgan, City. 12-10-18-pd.

FOR SALE—1918 model Chevrolet with fifty dollars of extra bargain if taken at once. Phone Black 1221. 12-10-18.

RATIONAL CONTROL IS PROPOSED

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by the school authorities and teachers against the spread of influenza and expressed the opinion that for the most part the students who were not ill with the influenza or confined to their homes on account of influenza if the home were better off in school than they would be with the schools closed, and quoted the school board as being unanimously opposed to closing the schools in the present circumstances. School closing was discussed by a number present, and, fortified by the opinions of City Health Officer Richardson and Dr. Bacon, member of the state board of health, that school closing is not now imperatively necessary, the meeting almost unanimously approved keeping the schools open.

General Situation Serious.

Dr. Richardson discussed at length the general situation, showing that from the standpoint of number of cases attacked, the situation was rather serious, almost alarming, but from the standpoint of fatalities, he stated La Grande physicians were of the opinion that no community in the whole northwest had a lower percentage of deaths; that public gatherings, such as dances, bazaars and other like socials, were absolutely the greatest menace to the public health that existed, under open conditions; that crowds in stores, where people unnecessarily tarried were another menace, and that a comparatively small menace is the class of meetings where people are quietly seated, such as churches, lectures and motion picture shows, which class, in his opinion, it was not at this time necessary to prohibit, although since the previous ban was lifted he had prohibited picture houses and churches from allowing people to stand in the aisles or lobbies. The doctor also pointed out the menace of the failure on the part of numerous homes and families to report cases where no physician was called. Considerable discussion followed the doctor's talk, President McKennon of the commission being radically opposed to any attempted regulation of the stores, as a class by themselves. An occasional expression of opinion in favor of the immediate closing of picture houses was voiced, but the large majority of those present were plainly opposed. Several speeches were made urging quarantining of the "flu" and not of business. Strong approval followed these. Finally, a motion was made approving the quarantining of infected cases and households having such, which motion was amended and amplified into substantially the foregoing expression of public sentiment in La Grande, and then adopted.

Quarantine "Flu," Not Business.

The meeting was quite well attended, and displayed on the part of the officials and school authorities an extreme desire to care for the public health in the best manner possible and at the same time consult the wishes, feelings and necessities of the people generally, so far as reasonably possible. It was certainly an ideal thought on the part of the city physician to have the public meeting, which alike afforded the people an opportunity to express themselves and himself an opportunity to explain the policies and actions of the health officials and to counteract a large number of false and silly rumors which have been afloat for some time.

Quarantine Plans Considered.

The city officials are to meet today to promulgate plans for the immediate institution of a much more strict quarantine, including compulsory reporting of cases where no physician is called, and also to discuss and consider how far present conditions warrant the regulation of the crowds at public meetings, dances and stores.

FOURTEEN RELATIVES IN WAR

Mrs. L. Irene King Had Close Interest in Great Conflict.

Mrs. L. Irene King of this city had fourteen relatives in the war. One died of meningitis in a southern training camp and one, who after his third trial succeeded in enlisting, died of influenza in Wales. Her nephew, Sergeant Major Burdette Thomason, was once employed as a carrier boy for The Observer. He is now in the central military post office in France, where he has supervision of seven hundred assistants.

YARDS CARRY MORE MESS

PARIS, Nov. 17.—(B. Mail.)—A new 1918 model of mess kit was issued just prior to the end of the fighting. It created more interest along the lines of the American Expeditionary Forces, than the news that Germany had asked for an armistice. Despite possible objections from Mr. Hoover, the new mess kit holds more than ever.

BELGIANS ABUSED.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—There is much feeling against Holland in Belgium because of the attitude of the Dutch government in permitting armed German soldiers to pass through the Dutch provinces of Limburg according to a dispatch from Brussels. The Belgians are said to be indignant that Belgian automobiles interned in Holland were used by the Dutch authorities in carrying the former crown prince and his suite when he fled to Holland.

BETTER ROADS THE BIG THEME

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county pays out in all its funds of every kind, including all county and state taxes.

President Approves.

President Wilson favors earliest possible resumption of highway construction. In a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Houston, he says: "I heartily agree with you that it would be in the public interest to resume in full measure the highway construction operations under the federal aid road act, and to do so as speedily as possible. I understand the necessity which existed for their contraction during the stress through which we have been passing, but that obstacle is now removed. I believe that it would be highly desirable to have an additional appropriation made available to the department of agriculture, to be used in conjunction, if possible, with any surplus state and community funds, in order that these operations may be extended. It is important not only to develop good highways throughout the country as quickly as possible, but it is also at this time especially advisable to resume and extend all such essential public works, with a view to furnishing employment for laborers who may be seeking new tasks during the period of readjustment. Knowing that the department of agriculture and the state highway authorities in each state have been carefully working out road systems and developing plans and specifications, I have no doubt that all activities in this field can be vigorously conducted through these two sets of existing agencies, acting in full accord."

JOHN BRASSET WOUNDED

The name of John Braslet, Jr., of North Powder, is in the day's casualty list who is reported to

have been wounded, the degree being not yet determined. The young soldier is the son of John Braslet, a well known farmer and stockman of that town.



Our futur order of canned fruits and vegetables has been delivered and we are now able to supply you with the best in the market. Plenty of fresh vegetables and fruits. Fancy head lettuce 10c per head. PLEASE PHONE YOUR ORDERS EARLY **HARRIS GROCERY** Phone Main-70 and 77; Farmers Black 192 408 North Fir Street Across the Track

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We Will Save You Money **Siegrist & Co.** Largest Jewelry Store in Eastern Oregon Prompt attention given Do Your Christmas Shopping Early.

DANGER!

Who offers a Premium Free IS IT REALLY FREE ? Does Something for Nothing Ever Last?

Second Quality Coffee at a First Quality Price enables some firms to cheaply supply premiums without charge when in reality a very high price is covered up.

Do not wait until the price of coffee raises to buy your winter's supply. Some coffees have already advanced in price while Chase & Sanborn's are still the same old price.

25c, 30c, 35c, 40c and 45c per lb.

Phone Main 43 **J. G. Snodgrass**

You'd hardly know Pete was chewing

Yet he says he gets more satisfaction out of his small chew of Gravelly than he ever got out of a big chew of ordinary tobacco. "Real Gravelly has a pure, rich taste," says Pete. "It's sweetened just enough, and one small chew holds its good taste so long. I figure that this class of tobacco costs me nothing extra—maybe less than I'd have to spend for ordinary plug."

It goes further—that's why you can get the good taste of this class of tobacco without extra cost.

PEYTON BRAND **Real Gravelly Chewing Plug** each piece packed in a pouch

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