

Hill's Dept. Store

Sincerely Wishes
you a

Merry Christmas



LOCAL TRAIN IS CROWDED DAILY

BAKER-LA GRANDE ACCOMMODATION TRAIN IS POPULAR
One Coach is Worked to Capacity to Care for the Travelers

The Baker-La Grande local train which was put on when fast mail train No. 5 is changed to meet the eastern connections is proving to be a very popular vehicle and each day the single coach is crowded to capacity.

People from Baker and all intermediate points take the local train to this city and here embark in the sleeper for Portland. There is also heavy local traffic.

FROM ABROAD IN THE STATE.

HENRY STOOP HOME
ELGIN, Or., Dec. 24.—Henry Stoop arrived home from Canada several days ago, to which place he was attracted by high wages during the harvest season; also by the offer of the Canadian government of one cent per mile railroad transportation to harvesters. He received \$10 a day as separator tender, but owing to the short crop, the trip was not as profitable as was expected.

APPLES SHIPPED TO DENVER
ELGIN, Or., Dec. 24.—H. H. Weatherspoon, manager of the Oregon Commission Co., left a few days ago for Denver Colorado with a carload of apples. He expects to receive the highest prices for the shipment, as the car contains several of the standard varieties.

PYTHIAN SISTERS ELECT
UNION, Or., Dec. 21.—The Pythian Sisters have elected the following officers:
Mary Minnie, P. C.; Martha Stevens, M. E. C.; Catherine Cravens, Paddock, Sec.; Estia Shelton, M. of P.; Belle Busiek, M. of R. and C.; Dora Hutchinson, Protector; Mollie Johnson, G. of T.

MASONS INSTALL
UNION, Or., Dec. 21.—At their regular meeting Union Lodge No. 68 A. F. & A. M. elected and installed the following officers:
J. R. Jones, W. M.; L. E. Terrell, Wright, Treasurer; M. F. Davis, Secretary; T. D. Smith, S. D.; S. M. Hayes, J. D.; R. H. Robin, Sen. S.; L. Hunter, Jun. S.; Walter Cook, Tyler.

STATE TAX LEVY SET
SALISBURY, Or., Dec. 24.—The state tax commission has made the state tax levy for 1919 which will produce \$3,021,402, the maximum amount that can be raised under the 6 per cent limitation law. The average tax millage will be 1.06 mills.

R. OF P. DELEGATES RETURN
ELGIN, Or., Dec. 24.—Davis Zastrow, Arthur Hallmark and Jesse Crum have returned from Portland, where they attended the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, representatives of Oregon Lodge No. 72. They report Oregon's service fee with its forty stars as the receipt of numerous commitments and that of Oregon Knights in the service Elgin claims nine per cent of the total.

WAR SATIRE NOW SEEMS PROPHECY

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(United Press by Mail)—Je Sais Tout, the well-known French magazine, published in 1917 a satirical "history" of the German revolution.

The "revue" opened in a room in the imperial palace with the kaiser and four or five leading socialists hurriedly rehearsing a "five le socialisme" scene. The kaiser abdicated, a republic was proclaimed, the army socialized—under the secret direction of Hindenburg, as a last extravagant melodrama to avert military annihilation. Eventually, the kaiser was to return and things resume their normal course.

The "revolution" went beautifully, according to plan. An armistice was declared and the army returned home, waving the red flag, "according to plan." All would have been lovely, if the stupid soldiers hadn't overstepped their cues.

They became more thoroughly infected with the idea of revolution than had been anticipated. They upset the pseudo socialist government, set up a real one, and turned the play into a reality far beyond its author's intentions.

Just how good a prophet Je Sais Tout was probably will be demonstrated, one way or the other, soon. It is noteworthy, however, that dispatches from neutral sources recently have interpreted the present situation in Germany in a way that corresponds strikingly with certain parts of the prophecy.

Disregarding the persistent rumors of the kaiser's plans to return later, these facts stand out to justify suspension of judgment upon the present German regime:

First, Germany as a whole has thus far manifested significantly few of the usual symptoms of a nation in revolution. The apparent nonchalance of the public at large is even arousing comment. Accounts seem to indicate the overthrow of the monarchy is regarded with indifference. In some instances mute regret is evident. There appears no nation-wide exultation in the new-found liberty, no particular indignation—on the part of large classes—against the authors of their national misfortune. While there has been some scalp hunting, it has been mostly political in character.

There have been as yet no startling disclosures of responsibility for the war, no publication of secret documents. The former hostility to the war, no publication of the severity of the armistice conditions.

There apparently was some violence in connection with the naval mutiny, and there has been some rioting in Berlin. But the general condition throughout the country does not seem much more perturbed than would naturally be expected under the circumstances of defeat.

True, the German "public" is now apparently made up largely of old men, women and children. But even they might register a little more pep. Second, the transition in administration in Berlin appears to have taken place with a suspicious smoothness. It is significant that half of the present heads of the revolutionary administration were supporters of the kaiser regime. So far as is known, they suffered no dramatic change of views. They have made no public whitewashing of their former records.

They seem to have quietly and simply stepped over and taken their seats as "revolutionists."

LETTER FROM PARIS

Mrs. Edna S. Morrison, in Red Cross Service, Writes of France.

In a letter to Jack Dennis, Edna Morrison, of the American Red Cross, 2 Place de Rivoli, Paris, writes: "We are having glorious weather, just the kind that makes you want to hustle to keep Jack Frost from getting you. The week before the armistice was signed it was very rainy, but since that time has been beautiful, just as though it came on purpose for the people to celebrate and celebrate they did. You never saw such a crowd in your life and the city is very gay with flags. Last Sunday they tried to have a parade, but the people got so excited that they had to give up the idea and just let them go wild."

"I am living with a French family that cannot speak any English and I can not speak very much French, so we certainly have some funny times. The other day they were talking about their good friends and the word for good friends in French sounds very much like "Bon Ami" and I said "Scouring soap" and they thought that I meant scouring soap was the way we said good friends in English and I had a great time telling them the difference. They are more than anxious to learn English. Yesterday we went to the American commissary and got some coffee and explained to them that we would like coffee for our dinner. They waited until dinner was over and then brought it in small cups like our after-dinner coffee. We had some canned cream and sugar and we had a good cup of coffee and then we asked for more so they showed us that tomorrow we could have coffee in a large cup. It is lots of fun trying to make them understand us."

"Ethel Gulling spent last week with me and we had a fine time visiting, as it is certainly a treat to see someone from home. I have not met very many people from Oregon since I came over."

"Does James Clark carry the papers any more? I met his father over here. Also had dinner the other evening with Miss Boss Cameron who is an aunt of Arthur French's that used to carry the papers."

"I had a chance to go to Neufchateau to work, but the man I am working for in Paris did not want me to leave, so I am still on the same place that I had the day after I got over here. It is in the bureau of requisitions and is a very busy place."

"I met three soldier boys the other evening that were just returning from Germany, where they had been held prisoners for the past seven months. They were mighty glad to get back this far on their way home. Every Sunday I visit at the hospitals and hear so many interesting stories. I will have to tell you some of them when I come home. The most excitement that I had was the air raid. I do not think that I will ever forget that experience, but those days are all past now and it begins to look like we will be able to come home before very long. It is just three months tomorrow since I sailed from New York."

NEW TODAY

STRAYED—From W. R. Campbell place a red collar-branded box on left hip. Any information call Red 2282. 12-24-61-pd.

WANTED—Wood sawing. Call Red 3171. 12-24-61-pd.

IMPORTANT!
Here's a chance for the man who needs a suit. For the next ten days we will give an extra pair of trousers for half price with every suit. Think of it! You need the clothes. We need the business and will offer a fine line to select from. This hold good until January 1st.

THE TOGGERY.

WANTED—Clean White Cotton Rags at the Observer Office. 3c per lb.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS OPPOSE REGULATION

LOCAL BODY MEETS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED AGAINST PURCHASE OF COMMISSIONERS' ORDER

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of the Christian Science society of La Grande, after the resolution passed by the city commission with a view to regulating all public meeting places, including churches, had been considered, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That the principles revealed by Jesus Christ and taught by the Christian churches of this and other countries are the one basis for a true civilization, and that out of the struggles of advocates of Christianity have come all existing political safeguards of that kind of freedom which the world is now striving to obtain for all peoples;

"That, inasmuch as the Christian organizations of the United States have recently been called upon by the head of our nation to assemble at their places of worship and pray for the success of our armies in war, in order to perpetuate the recognition of the fundamental principles upon which our government is based, it follows that the safeguards provided in the constitution for the development of religious strength shall not be ignored as soon after the night of right has been demonstrated by a splendid victory over arrogant aristocracy;

"That autocracy, wherever it may appear, may be overcome by adherence to the principles of Christianity, which is as effective in overcoming disease as it is in defeating an armed force.

"It is also resolved, that the local Christian Science organization, as in the past, will lend its assistance in the support of law and order consistent with the end to be obtained by those striving for Divine government in the affairs of mankind."

"That the jurisdiction of the board of health is considered to be in connection with the prevention and cure of disease rather than over the regulation of religious worship, directly or otherwise;

"That the said board of health has no right under the principles of democracy, as set forth in our constitution and voiced by those who have outlined the activities of our country in its past and present unusual activities, to interfere with religious freedom;

"That the city commission and the board of health obviously have duties to perform which should not be hampered, while the fact remains that justice never infringes upon the right to worship God as one believes; one should, which is a just principle that must receive acknowledgment if the problems of mortal men are ever to be solved;

"That it has ever been the consensus of opinion in our higher courts of law, since the beginning of this country's history as a nation, as recently expressed in the words of a prominent judge in rendering his opinion in a case similar to the one under consideration that the constitution has always guarded the right of personal liberty and assemblage, in order that people may freely worship their Creator as they see fit, and the constitution is not now suspended."

"This body, therefore, urgently protests against the city's unlawful restriction of religious activities which have always been wholesome in their influences, and it further resolves that so long as the city's present rule relative to public gatherings is in force, the Christian Science society of La Grande will increase the number of its meetings, while endeavoring to conform with the restrictions as to the number of people which shall constitute an authorized gathering, until such time as the necessary legal disposition of the matter is effected."

Observer advertising will bring results.

FARMS AND SOLDIERS

Edna Morrison, in Red Cross Service, writes of France. (Continued from page 1.)

After a thorough investigation I feel safe in saying that any organization made up of soldiers, directed by soldiers, given the proper machinery, good land and a little money, will make a better showing agriculturally than the average farmer in the United States. And it must not be overlooked that our agricultural problems need this aid.

We have yet to learn in agriculture what we have learned in all the great industries which have been organized in the past 20 years: 1. Co-operation is better than cut-throat competition. 2. Leaders are necessary to the life of any project, and therefore deserving of higher compensation. 3. Even common laborers and the most menial of workers work better, more enthusiastically, more intelligently, and they get better results, if they share in the profits of the enterprise they are engaged in.

Appropos of the land-for-soldiers movement, it is believed that men returning from active service will not take kindly to the secretary of the interior's plan for first re-claiming land, then buying in 40-acre tracts for agricultural development. The record of the individual farm families for the past 40 years offers little inducements; 52 per cent of our farm families have had an income of less than \$600 annually on an average 100-acre farm valued at \$5000. Surely men who know little or nothing of agriculture can hardly be expected to do better than experienced farmers, especially when the farms to be offered are two-fifths the size of the average.

This plan is not set forth as a panacea for all the national troubles which will confront us. Nothing of value along the lines of readjustment can be done unless the two commissions are created and each granted sufficient strength and power that a real service might be rendered.

Action on these matters has already been delayed too long. The millions of soldiers have begun to stream homeward, and war workers in great numbers are being honorably dismissed. We must make up for lost time by intensive effort. If we proceed with zeal and efficiency to the settlement of the problems involved, the future of the country will be greatly affected for the better. If we neglect the plain duty before us, the nation will feel the evil effects for a generation. No man or woman who has made sacrifices for freedom and justice should have to suffer from public unappreciation. The American people are too grateful to these good servants to permit anything so unfair.

RANK TO BE PERMANENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary of War Baker has recommended to congress that Generals Peckham, March and Bliss and Lieutenant General Linnott and Ballard retain their present ranks through life in recognition of meritorious service.

BIG HAUL OF GEMS

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Jewels valued at \$100,000 were stolen by masked burglars who dynamited a safe in the office of I. L. Michelson & Sons' diamond dealers in the Eastern Township bank overpowered the watchman of the building, which is in the heart of business section, and left him bound and gagged.

Tall Trees.

The tallest of California "big trees" is three hundred and twenty-five feet in height, but among the great gum trees of Australia, not to mention British Columbia's great firs, many specimens are more than four hundred feet in height, and one, which was felled in southeast Australia, measured four hundred and seventy-one feet—the tallest tree on record.

GRAND BOY ACCUSED

Ed Rivette is detained in the Baker county jail on the charge of having stolen a purse containing \$50 from a passenger in the waiting room of the Huntington depot.

MRS. ANNA JAWPALES DEAD

The death of Mrs. Anna Jawpales, wife of George Jawpales, of Island City, occurred this morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lulu Bolswick, 1502 N. Ave. Deceased, who was a daughter of F. Johnston, of Island City, was twenty years of age. The remains will be taken to Island City and the funeral held at the cemetery here Thursday afternoon at 1:30.

Removes Scorch Spots

Badly scorched linen may be improved by boiling well half a pint of vinegar, half an ounce of soap, two ounces of fuller's earth, and the juice of several onions; spread this over the linen wherever it is scorched and leave it to dry. When dry wash the garment, and the scorch will have disappeared.

Would Return It.

It was a very hot day and the kind-hearted iceman had given a little girl a piece of ice. A neighborhood boy for it, but she refused to give it up. "Aw shucks!" said the boy. "I'll give it back to you—I only want the juice out of it."—Boston Transcript.

TOMORROW'S MAIL

No City delivery but Rural Carriers Will Make Their Regular Trip.

The postoffice will be open Christmas day between 9 and 10 o'clock a. m. for the delivery of all mail to those who call at the windows. There will be no city delivery, but the rural carriers will make their regular trip.

The Point of View.

The difference between American and French automobile driving is this: In America when your tire blows up you say: "Good heavens! There goes our tire!" and in France you say: "Hoorsy! That was only the tire."—Stars and Stripes.

1918 Greetings 1919

Wishing you a most enjoyable Christmas and with all good wishes for your health and happiness in the coming year.

From
THE PROPRIETOR AND SALES FORCE
of the
Harris Grocery
La Grande, Oregon.

GREETINGS

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND PATRONS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

PATTISON BROTHERS GROCERY

Keep Baby Well—

Feverish colds that distress the little ones, that cause difficult breathing, that irritate their sensitive little throats and give them troublesome disturbing coughs, are readily helped and soothed by **Foley's Honey and Tar**.

The wise mother gives it for croup, whooping cough, measles cough and bronchial cough.

Foley's Honey and Tar is just as good for grown-ups as for children. For hoarseness, itching throat, troublesome night coughs, dry, straggled and chronic coughs of elderly people it is widely recommended. It contains no morphine, chloroform or other drug that you would not like to give to young children, delicate persons or elderly people. Do not accept a substitute.

FOR SALE BY EVERYWHERE

Greetings to People of La Grande and Community.

Permit us this eventful year in the history of the world to extend to you Holiday Greetings, wishing you the Merry Christmas that has come from a sky darkened with war. May the New Year be a glad one for you and may prosperity shower its blessings over you throughout the period indicated by the figures—

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