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FORUM

Dear Editor:—Will you please give space to the following:
Dear Santa Claus:—As the mother of a child who's morning, noon and evening exercise is counting the days between now and the time of your appearance in La Grande, let me utter an explosive protest against the horrifying hideous mask so commonly used by the children's idol. Throw that mask in the fire and paste some realish-looking whiskers on your honest to goodness face. Unt your cheek bones a brilliant red, act as if you could turn, talk and even bend and once again, do, oh please do, discard that mask. Let's not have the children screaming with terror at your approach nor the fathers and mothers waiting to, E. C.

Thirty Years Ago

A number of La Grande attorneys are in attendance at court this week at Baker City.

This week the brick furnace at the Alliance Flouring mill was erected and the boiler placed in position.

A Leap Year party is to be given at Elgin tonight. We have not heard of any of the boys who are sure of going.

The G. A. R. post and Sons of Veterans are making extensive plans for an entertainment to be given in the opera house New Year's Eve. The windstorm of last week damaged the building occupied by the house companies to such an extent that part of the east wall had to be torn down and rebuilt.

R. Alexander the successful candidate for mayor at the Pendleton election last Monday visited La Grande Tuesday as a guest of the La Grande chapter No. 9, R. A. M. Captain J. C. Henry desires all members of Company K who have state property in their possession such as uniforms and equipment to turn same over to the army committee this evening.

The electric light company has been engaged in stringing some of the new wires this week. The wires are copper about 3-8 inch in diameter.

The Sommer House, under the management of A. Sommer will be formally opened to the public next Sunday, December 11. The house has been newly furnished throughout and will afford excellent accommodations to the traveling public.

Al Stevens and F. T. Abbott accompanied by several crack shots from Huntington made a trip to Payette last Sunday expecting to bring in a plentiful supply of geese. The day was not favorable and few of these wary birds could be found.

Freight train No. 23 struck a cow about three miles east of Pocatello Tuesday morning throwing the engine and cars into the ditch. Fireman William Durham was injured in the wreck and died about half past ten from the effects of being scalded. He was a single man of 21 years. He has a sister and two brothers living in Pocatello. The funeral will take place today. Engineer Nelson was also injured but not seriously. No one else was injured.

G. B. Swineheart who was asleep in the upper room of the Recorder office at the time of the fire was forced to jump from the window alighted in fashionable evening undress. It was a narrow escape and George considers himself very lucky.

In the Day's News.

Prince Andrew of Greece, whose trial by court-martial is in progress in Athens, is the fourth son of the late King George and brother of Constantine, the deposed king. He is closely allied to the British royal family, both by blood and marriage. He is a nephew of Queen Alexandra, while his wife, who was Princess Alice of Battenberg, is

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The Older Boys' Conference

What is the Older Boys' Conference now in session in La Grande?

Why do so many boys leave their homes and travel to a central point for a convention?

The answer is "better citizenship." La Grande is host today to a fine bunch of young fellows as can be picked in the entire United States. Unlike the custom of years ago when boys of this age met, they are not figuring on where to get a drink, how to obtain cigarettes, or looking for a dark corner where they can shoot craps.

On the other hand, they are quartered at the Y. M. C. A.; their association is among the different churches; their programs are filled with refreshing numbers which tell of better men, how to improve conditions in the country, and how to frown down lawlessness and immorality.

Is the Older Boys' Conference worth while? A thousand times, yes!

Boys are here from Pendleton, Baker, Union, Condon, Helix, Athena, Haines, Joseph, and many other cities of the Eastern Oregon country, and they are here on an earnest purpose—to learn and help.

The Evening Observer rejoices that La Grande can entertain such a fine bunch of young men. This newspaper realizes the strength of these boys whose lives are just starting. If their lives are cast for the good the country will be greatly benefited, whereas, if those same lives are given to the bad side of life the devil would have an effective band of lieutenants as ever lived. But they are on the side of the good, they are on the side of right and justice, and better yet they have the Christian spirit firmly implanted in them. The world is going to be better, mankind is going to be happier and more content, Christianity is going to expand through the Older Boys' Conference. Long may these conferences exist, and active may every member become.

Hit the Center Several Times

President Harding's message rings fine. It is very apparent that Mr. Harding is taking the reins of the country in his own hands at last, for he is outlining things so much needed in the country that one begins to see in him a leader, rather than the docile man of a few months ago who was willing to compromise rather than fight.

His attitude on the Labor Board is sound. The board always has been a makeshift and a useless organization. It never should have been created, and labor and its employers will both give a sigh of relief when it is abolished.

The President's stand on prohibition enforcement is positive. He truthfully says the law is here to stay and it is up to the country to find ways to enforce it.

Farm credits are also stressed by the national chief, and all agricultural communities know the need of this legislation.

In fact, taking the message as a whole, it is a strong document but it is going to take a big stick to enforce its stipulations. The test comes now with the president, for he will have to break his former sections of support in order to put the features of that message into laws. Let the break come, let Harding become a fighting president and the country will applaud, for in the president's chair no longer can diplomacy satisfy the people. We want a ruler with courage and able to break ribs if necessary.

TODAY'S EVENTS

St. Louis today rounds out its first century as an incorporated city.

The American Legion has set aside today for observance as National Physical Education Day.

The completion and opening of a concrete highway connecting Philadelphia and Easton, Pa., is to be celebrated today.

At the invitation of the International Federation of Trades Union delegates from many countries are to meet at The Hague today for a labor anti-war conference.

Student debaters of Cornell, Dartmouth and Yale are to engage in a triangular contest this evening, the subject being Government ownership of the coal mines.

At a dinner to be given in his honor by the Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia this evening, Governor-elect Gifford Pinchot is expected to outline the policy which will guide his administration.

A national conference of railroad men to devise ways and means of effecting an amalgamation of the 46 standard railroad labor organizations without any of the unions losing their identity, will open in Chicago today.

Grace Episcopal church, in Bath, Maine, is to be the scene of a notable wedding today, when Miss Camille Loyall Ashe Sewall, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Harold M. Sewall of Bath, becomes the bride of Walter E. Edger, United States attorney from New Jersey.

One Year Ago Today.

Sixteen hundred Sinn Feiners were released from Irish prisons.

Tom Slaughter, escaped desperado, killed by pal near Little Rock.



NK West & Co
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1111 Broadway, Astoria

The Store for A MAN'S CHRISTMAS

It's hard to realize that Christmas is only thirteen days away and that only eleven days of the thirteen are shopping days. It's harder yet to squeeze into these eleven days the whole round of Christmas shopping. And, hardest of all, is the problem of gifts to men, with its demand on time, thought and money.

Because this store has an exclusive department for men and are specialists in fine men's goods, we can help you save all three—time, thought and money. Here in our store you will find a great variety at a wide range in prices, and here in a man's store you'll get the attention and advice of those who really know what men want. Let them make suggestions.

A New

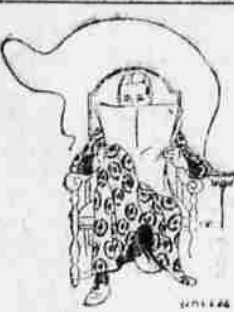
"STETSON"

For His Christmas

America's finest hat, the John B. Stetson, most acceptable to any man and an ideal Christmas gift.

We have his size in any shade—the soft felt, scratch felt and velours. Styles that are the newest are shown here.

Largest stocks of Stetson hats in this community. Come in and see us about his size, kind, etc. We may be able to help.



"Oregon City" and

"Pendleton"

BATH

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The kind that every man likes for himself. They're made of bright colors of the finest pure virgin wool, bound in heavy Summer's Satin, and with silk cord and tassels.

These robes and a great many others here for your selection now. Priced \$6.50 to \$25.00.

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The most popular garment among men's wearing apparel today. Every man likes them and whether he uses it for golf or the hundred other purposes for which they may be adapted, they are practical and most acceptable as a gift. In navy or heather mixtures. Priced at \$7.50 to \$9.00.

"Interwoven"

Silk

Lisle

Wool

SOX FOR HIS GIFT

Perhaps you've been reading in the Saturday Evening Post, or in other weekly publications about these wonderful socks for men. If so you'll be glad to know that you can buy them here in any desired kind and weight. The name "Interwoven" means considerable to a man, and if your gift is from here it will be Interwoven—a credit to your judgment and a gratification to him.

In silk, lisle, silk and lisle, silk and wool, and wool heather mixtures. Prices, 40c to \$1.25 pair.

Handkerchiefs
Socks
Mittens
Sweaters
Silk Pajamas
Outing and Muslin
Pajamas
Underwear
Silk Shirts
Wool Shirts
Hats
Caps
Collars
Ties
Belts
Belt Buckles
Cuff Links
Collar Pins
Gloves
Golf Clubs
Golf Sox
Shoes
Separate Pants
Mackinaws
Overcoats
Suits
Leather Vests
and a host of other small gifts, such as Socks, Jewelry, Collar Bars, etc.

IF HE'S COMING HOME FROM SCHOOL

The Home of Fine Clothing

"HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX"

A suit or overcoat for his X-mas gift. Especially the boy at college or away to school—when he comes home for X-mas vacation, he invariably goes to see about a new suit. Why not surprise him Christmas morning with one from our Hart, Schaffner & Marx stock.

Let us help you make a selection and get his size, measure, etc.



Alexandra's grandniece. Prince Andrew served in the Greek army during the Balkan war in 1912. After King Constantine's first flight from Greece in 1917, it was reported he aspired to the throne, but this move was reported to have been blocked by Premier Venizelos. When Constantine returned to Athens Prince Andrew was appointed a general in the Greek army. He played an important part in the Greek elections in 1920, which resulted in the overwhelming defeat of Mr. Venizelos. During the World War he took part in an aerial attack on Salonika.

Today's Anniversaries.

1829—John J. Jacob, first democratic governor of West Virginia, born at Hampshire, W. Va. Died in

Washington, November 24, 1893.

1851—Thomas H. Paynter, United States senator from Kentucky, born in Lewis county, Ky. Died at Frankfort, March 8, 1921.

1868—William E. Gladstone became British premier for the first time.

1872—United States government sent a commissioner to report the actual condition of the struggle in Cuba.

1874—Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell University, died at Ithaca, N. Y. Born at Westchester Landing, N. Y., January 11, 1807.

1889—Pope Leo thanked Canadian Roman Catholics for their protest against the usurpation of the temporal power of the papacy.

A Classified Ad Will Do It!

Indian Blankets and Fancy Bed Blankets

Famous Pendleton all-wool blankets in assorted Indian designs and colors. Great gifts for the entire family.

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If the gift comes from this store it will be the standard of quality that makes it a gift that lasts.

Our name on the box is an emblem of Quality.

We feature the well-known standard manufacturers:

Virginia Carvel, Fairfax & Etruscan in Sterling

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Howard real ebony Military Brushes

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1847 Rogers and Community Silver Plate

Our diamonds are selected with the greatest care, and we are showing the largest stock in Eastern Oregon. We urge you to make your selection early.

Siegrist & Co.

Our Name on the Box is an Emblem of Quality

Your Credit:-:

is a valuable asset and should never be impaired through careless business methods.

Transact your business through this bank, build up your savings account and establish a substantial credit.

La Grande National Bank

SOUND—RELIABLE—PROGRESSIVE

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Violinist

Ina Wright Herbst

Soprano

Will Be Presented to La Grande by the Neighborhood Club

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IN L. D. S. TABERNACLE

Seats on Sale at Silverthorn-Wright Drug Store

ADMISSION: Reserved Seats, \$1.10, including war tax.

General Admission, 50c, including war tax

Ina Wright Herbst is the best equipped singer that has ever appeared in Portland.

—Portland Oregonian.