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FELLOWSHIP IN WORSHIP—O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psalm 95:6.

Just three more days in which to remember all the things you usually forget until Christmas morning.

The final rush of Christmas, the endless round of holiday activities should not allow those who are not in want to forget the many who are. There is no better time of year to go through discarded clothes and select warm things that could be utilized by others. Children's things are especially needed. Plain, wholesome food can be a most joyous gift in some homes—and churches, the Salvation Army, or individuals should have an abundance of cases for those who would help those who cannot help themselves. In such a way can we best possess the true Christmas spirit.

PERMANENT HIGHWAY SHOPS

The final location of the Eastern Oregon shops of the State Highway Commission in La Grande is a credit to both this community and the commission. The shops have been operating here for several years but the need for permanent quarters and adequate buildings brought the question of a state-owned site to the fore in the last few months. The action taken yesterday removes all doubt of the permanency of the shops and offices for this section of the state and means a valuable addition to building activities next year.

No more ideal location, either in city or site, could be desired. The central location of La Grande has made this the logical hub for highway work by state engineers for some time. The new site will give every desired facility—railway trackage, highway proximity, and nearness to the conveniences offered by a city the size of La Grande.

The shops, incidentally, constitute a valued industrial asset. A large number of men are employed to service the vast amount of highway equipment used for all Eastern Oregon highways. The men operating that equipment have headquarters here and enlarged offices will also be constructed and maintained on the new site. All in all, the highway activities here represent an enviable payroll.

Much work has been done on this project in the last few months and in the last two years. Some time ago there was danger that a change of location might be considered. The local chamber of commerce had a committee appear before the commission and present the advantages La Grande had to offer. No change was made. Recently, the question of a permanent site has been urged by the highway officials and numerous citizens, especially Mr. Hill, president of the city commission, have worked on the problem and have brought it to the present happy conclusion. La Grande and her responsible citizens are to be congratulated on the result.

A Graceful Gift
for a gracious lady
De Vilbiss Perfumers
50c to \$10.00

RED CROSS DRUG STORE

Many Bargains Listed on Want Ad Page

ABE MARTIN



One of the first questions that ought to be put to every prospective woman juror is: "Would you wear a feller like George R. Moore?" Of course the production is astounding, but the most remarkable thing of all in connection with the auto industry is that automobile salesmen never knock each others' cars.

MEDICAL SPRINGS PERSONALS

MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special)—The Pondosa mill has closed down only keeping some of the men that came with them from Perry working around the mill.

The Pondosa butcher shop has also closed.

Dave Lorry is back from his camp.

A dance was given at the schoolhouse Saturday night.

A Christmas program will be given by the children next Thursday night.

Bob Wanker with his men and Oscar Woodson have been busy riding for cattle on the river.

The weather has been below the freezing point all week. The thermometer has touched zero every night and several times below.

Those who can are hauling logs from the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vander have moved into Henry Wanker's place for the winter.

Henry Wanker is leaving the first of the week for Kansas where he will visit relatives and friends.

Blood thirsty dogs killed a calf belonging to Cy Turner and a big one of Elmer Kennedy's. They also checked the pigs on other farms recently.

A caterpillar and grader are working on the road.

Lions Hill is impossible as the snow has drifted so bad.

Marvin Deen and family has moved over the Medical Springs store.

NEEDS WATER RIGHTS
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 21 (AP)—The Lafayette Mining company, Bismarck, Ore., has applied to the division of water rights for 20 cubic feet of water from Elliott creek, Skagitou county, for hydroelectric mining operations near Popper, Oregon.

NEW YORK—Miss Isabella Titcomb is inclined to the belief that English officialdom has no sense of humor. On landing in England she told an inspector that the purpose of her trip was to see the Prince of Wales. She says she was then confined in a hospital for a month and departed.

Armed in Northern China now are introducing poison gas in their warfare. It has taken China a long time to become civilized but they're finally getting around to it.

"Quiet confinement" of the dry law has been ordered by Washington. So they're really going to do something about it, even if it is only on the 9. 7.

"Not believe in Santa Claus" You might just as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to have men watch in all the children on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but there is no man there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there's a veil covering the unseen world which the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and see the picture, the story, the natural beauty and story beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

"No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make and the heart of childhood."

M.J.B.
The full-flavored coffee



This Christmas Store Brims Over With Gift Hints

"Is There A Santa Claus?"

The following letter and editorial, first printed many years ago in The New York Sun, is famous wherever the name of Santa Claus is known. We reproduce it here for your benefit:

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends says there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in The Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon."

The Editorial

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours a man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge."

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be like a dreary as if there were no Virgins. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished."

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Daniel Green Comfy Slippers

A most acceptable, useful gift—a pair of Comfy Slippers, whether it is satin, kid, colored kid or patent leather, you are sure to find the slipper you want. The styles of hyles, mules, d'Orsays are all here in a profusion of color.

\$1.95 to \$6.00

Umbrellas
Of silk, waterproof cotton and water proof cotton in any shade, plain color, and plain bordered styles, both stick and long handled models.

\$2.50 to \$13.50

Perfumes
and toilet waters from City and Blue Rose, in small gift bottles also sold by the ounce. These are indeed acceptable Xmas gifts.

90c to \$3.50

Bath Salts
In lovely gift boxes put up in several pleasing styles of tulle, silk, and bottles in a number of wanted scents.

35c to \$1.50

Gift Handkerchiefs

CLEVERLY made of chiffon, silk crepe, linen or cotton, with dainty touches of embroidery, hand painting and beading in Fashion's newest designs.

20c to \$2.00

Charming Silk Pillows

In the newer shapes with lace, plaiting, tucking and appealing in colors of blue, rose, maize and wine.

\$2.40 to \$5.00

Handbags

of novelty leathers in fashion's smartest shapes and sizes—all nicely lined and finished to give the maximum amount of service.

\$2.50 to \$13.00

Auto Robes

and Indian Blankets—a long to be remembered gift. In popular Indian and plaid designs, with beautiful colorings and fringes.

\$9.00 to \$20.00

Bed Spreads

Of silk, rayon and cotton in the crinkle cloth with striped and plain patterns in colors of blue, tan, rose, maize, and lavender priced

\$2.50 to \$12.50

Lovely Satin Robes
An Ideal Gift

IN colors of black, orchid, blue and rose, in tailored and elaborately adorned styles. Such a useful and practical gift to be remembered throughout the years. All are finely made and finished, lined in contrasting colors.

\$9.00 to \$23.50

Charming Boudoir Caps
And bandeau styles fashioned of lace, ribbon and silk flowers in myriads of colors to match every gown, negligee and robe—a charming gift.

\$1.25 to \$2.25

Ladies' Cases

In both tulle and plain styles in leathers of patent, walrus, cowhide and novelty embossed designs. Several styles and shapes in the smartest of sizes all nicely finished and lined.

\$6.50 to \$34.50

N. K. WEST & CO., INC.
THE CHRISTMAS STORE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Battle For Possession of Short Wave Channel Begins Next Month

WASHINGTON (AP)—A battle for possession of the short wave channels will be fought before the federal radio commission January 17. A public hearing is to be held to consider application for licenses to operate in those bands.

Although the hearing was called specifically for the consideration of applications from the Examiner Printing Company of San Francisco, the International News Service of New York and the New York Times for point to point transmission of news, the commission also will hear other interests concerned with the short wave situation.

It has been the attitude of the commission that where commercial companies can obtain adequate wire service, communication by radio should be reserved for enterprises which can be served by radio only. However, the commission believes there are channels in the band from 1,500 to 6,000 kilocycles, now being idle, which should be utilized. Where their use will not conflict with public service interests, they probably will be assigned to commercial stations and individuals.

Possessing the need for these short wave channels in many services, the commission considers a general public hearing prerequisite to the shaping of a definite policy of allocation. In this connection, the commission desires to ascertain how great the demand is for the short wave bands and how many channels are available for the various types of services.

In outlining the policy, primary consideration will be given public utility radio service, such as airplane and ship communications, army and navy, beacon and compass stations.

The commission's primary concern is of providing adequate short wave channels for the use of aerial navigation which is increasing rapidly and for the future development of which suitable channels must be reserved.

Interests of the amateur operators also must be protected. Members of the radio hobby declare that the average radio fan is but slightly interested in these services, the commission considers them of greater importance than the regulation of program broadcasting. The allocation of safety of life and public service channels will be given greater consideration than in the past.

RED NOSES EPIDEMIC
MEXICO CITY—Red noses are epidemic in the American colony. They come from looking up at Lindbergh in the hot sun. Ambassador Morrow, like many others, is afflicted with a blistered face.

FAINTESS PARTING
ATLANTIC CITY—Married 16 years Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Delaney have parted "as the best of friends." In an agreement filed in court they renounced all claims upon each other for the rest of their lives and agree not to disturb their friendship. They do not believe in divorce. Mrs. Delaney who thinks her husband is wonderful except as a husband, is in politics and has ambitions to become a policewoman. Delaney is a salesman.

DIES AT 103 YEARS
LONDON—The Rev. Christopher Cook lived 103 years and served a scattered parish in Monmouthshire 75 years till a fall on a rough pathway during the current cold wave proved fatal.