Christmas Suggestions!

For Useful Gift Seekers — **At La Grande's Own Store**

We all like to receive gifts of unusual variety.

The item itself may not be so different, but just the style and the way it's made is enough to make you say, "Oh where did you find this?"

And it's that kind of gift that we especially suggest — a cunning handkerchief of fine linen made in Switzerland, a silk hose with novel and lovely clocking, a fine gown of silk crepe, hand-painted. Whatever your gift need, you'll find a happy, inexpensive solution here.

Gift Kerchiefs

People delay buying handkerchiefs for Christmas because they hope to receive just such gift boxes as these. Pure linen hand embroidered abroad in dainty designs. Three in a box—

$1.00

Costume Jewelry

It used to be taboo for anyone to appear with imitation gems—but now it's all the vogue. Bright necklaces and beads and pendants are needed for each frock. They are dressy—and nice gifts—

50c up

Out-of-the-Ordinary Fine Silk Hosiery

Just look over the stunning assortment of gift hosiery and see how delightfully you can fill a dozen items on your Christmas list. From your own experience you know that nothing is appreciated more. All the newest shades in Belding, Wayne Knit and Society Knit—
$1.25 to $2.50

Gloves

Smart outfits go with smart gloves—and the new imported suede is a very thoughtful gift, fit and expensive—

$2.95 up

Blankets

Mothers and wives deserve the best—and a Pendleton blanket is the best. Fine weight wool, distinctive patterns—prices as—

$12.50 to $15

Lunch Sets
Pillows
Towels

Dress Silks
Sweaters
Purses

A dining room "smoke" for sister or daughter—fine in texture, soft in color, smart in trimming—

$1 to $5

Soft and luxurious are new gowns of silk crepe, hand-painted and after-dinner at

$12

Pajamas of silk crepe, with bright color combinations in vogue. A lovely gift for a lovely lady and very much in the "mode" class.

$12

Hose other are most useful and these silken ones are equally ornamental. Colors of course, stylishly cut. A gift that others would admire—

$6 to $15

AND AT THE FOOT OF THE TREE—

You should place, by all means, a smart and comfortable gift for feminine feet. Most stylish are slippers in red, green, black leathers. Good leather, too, and the slipper carefully made. A very fine gift—and one that is always needed sooner or later—
$2.95 and $3.25

DON'T FORGET THIS INDIVIDUAL—

While you are shopping so diligently for others don't forget that there will be Christmas parties and festivities of various kinds with demands on yourself—and that really means a new frock, in the silhouette style, of course. New reds and black are very, very good.
$29.75 up

HILL'S STORE

COLORFUL DISPLAYS OFFER GREAT FIELD FOR XMAS SHOPPING

"What shall I get him for Christmas?"

That question has rolled off the tongue of practically every woman in America during the last few weeks and in many cases, is still unanswered.

But, after all, there are so many things to select from.

In La Grande, as well as elsewhere, one has only to go into the business section and look in practically any direction to see many magnificent displays of gift merchandise ranging from the novelty gadget costing from 25c upwards that usually pleases to the more enduring gift, which may be some article "He" has been yearning for these many moons.

This year, in particular, the Christmas displays presented by the merchants of this city are of metropolitan character—with quality and quantity on every hand.

Clothing is one answer to the familiar question that always pleases—if she ascertains beforehand what his taste runs to. If he likes color but prefers a modest suit, ties and socks that are not gaudy to attract attention, and shirts of a conventional hue, remember there are other things—that the crowd cannot see.

Bright underthings (since men are wearing silk that word isn't out of place) may be just the thing to please him. Or equally bright suspenders. Or handkerchiefs. Or warts. Or a lounging robe. Or pajamas. Plenty to select from, and they are displayed this season in such a variety of attractive designs, color combinations and styles that anyone's taste can be pleased with perfection. Gorgeous creations, that rival the things featured in the ladies' ready to wear, are awaiting you—and him.

Some of the finest quality and vogue, with sateen and lame fast again, giving one a wide field of selection. As to the fine points, there are few important changes. Knotted lapels and prime shoulders are running much but many of the new styles still have the peaked lapels and rolled shoulders, and consequently are all busy. There are no marked changes in sock clocking, either some or sweaters. Double breasted suits are better now than for the last few seasons and this type is always popular in overcoats. In suits, however, the two-button, closed coat is probably the most popular.

Then? A wealth of possibilities, being shown. Brilliant interwoven scarfs, modest dressing—any kind that the individual desires, in both brown and four-in-hands.

You are offered in nearly as wide a variety, in beautiful gift boxes or in combinations with ties, etc.

A more beautiful array of shirts are offered this year than for many seasons, with a multitude of patterns, most of them in light colors. Arch silks and broadcloths. Large pointed, well-tailored collars adorn the wearer of these fine garments.

As in everything else, more attention is being paid to house slippers than usually. Ranging from the leather slippers with heels sometimes with warm, woolly tops to the softer ones, they are profusely displayed in all of the local stores that cater to the men.

"What shall I get him for Christmas?"

Really, it should not be difficult if one wishes to let Santa Claus bring him something in the way of clothing.

HOOVERS PLAN HAPPY YULETIDE

Old-Fashioned Christmas to be Celebrated in The White House.

By Sue McNamara
(AP Feature Service Writer)

WASHINGTON (AP)—An old-fashioned Christmas such as has not been celebrated in the White House in many administrations will make the holidays this year radiant.

Children for the first time in years will gather round the brightly-lighted tree and pull presents out of stockings in the early Christmas dawn.

Little Herbert Hoover III will clutch his woolly dog with the same glee as other youngsters in millions of homes all over the land. A doll in a pink or blue bonnet will bring smiles to the face of little Peggy Ann Hoover, aged 3, who is her grandfather's pride.

For the White House "children" will be home for the holidays — Herbert Hoover Jr., his wife and two children from California, Allan Hoover from Harvard business school and the two children of Mrs. J. H. Large, sister of Mrs. Hoover. Both are in their teens.

Some of the old neighbors from the former S street home of the Hoovers may be invited in with their children for Christmas eve or at some time during Christmas day.

The homing spirit which draws wanderers from far corners of the earth will be symbolized in the lights shining from the White House windows the night before Christmas. President and Mrs. Hoover have always made much of the day, no matter in what distant land they have been. For the President, especially, the sentiment of the day holds powerful appeal.

This, coupled with the presence of children in rooms which have heretofore been holiday-festive, but lacking the shouts and laughter, will make Christmas this year a real one. The favorite White House dogs—Pat, a big Irish wolfhound belonging to Mrs. Hoover, and Yukon, a white husky with blue eyes, will add their own gruff Christmas greetings to the merry-making.

There probably will be two trees—one in the east room for general callers to see and the other in the private quarters of the President and his family on the floor above.

Church on Christmas morning, a noon dinner and a quiet afternoon with a few old friends will complete the day.

The Coolidges always had a small tree decorated with stars and angels in the east rooms. There was no need of a special family tree. There was only John to come home from college and he was a little beyond the family tree age.

Dancing Plays Big Part With Gay Diplomats

GENEVA (AP)—Dancing parties play a big part in the diplomatic life of Geneva, where statesmen from every corner of the globe come and go throughout the year on League of Nations business.

Typical of these functions was that arranged by the Chinese delegation at the assembly this year. To the strains of American harmonies, Chinese and Japanese, Siamese, East Indians and Ethiopians, in costumes of their distant countries, moved in rhythmic cadence with their neighbors of Europe and America.

Some of the leaders in world affairs make these gatherings serve political purposes. But many international personages dance because they find in these affairs their chief relaxation from official burdens.

Representatives of almost all Latin-American countries in Geneva are distinguished for their enjoyment of dancing and their grace in this exercise.

Mariano Cornejo, of Peru; Aristides de Agüero y Bethancourt, of Cuba; Dr. Gustavo Guerrero, of Salvador, president of the recent assembly; Dr. Alberto Guani, of Uruguay, another former assembly president, and Dr. Jose Urrutia, Colombian minister to Switzerland, all take pleasure in treading a measure.

The British devotee of dancing is Phillip Baker, once a famous Olympic games runner, whose eloquence at a conference table is matched by his lively delight in a polished floor.

But of the celebrities who frequent Geneva, none enjoys dancing more than Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer. This genial veteran likes plenty of room when he dances. Like a young polar bear on an ice-floe, he romps happily and to the joy also, of all beholders.

Xmas Bags On Way To Far-Off Points

BOSTON (AP)—Fifty thousand Christmas bags made by volunteer workers of the American Red Cross are on their way to soldiers and sailors on duty in far away ports.

The bags are of brown cretonne and contain such articles as pocket knives, playing cards, writing materials and tobacco. They are headed for Hawaii, China, Porto Rico, the Canal Zone and other ports.

PROGRESS CONQUERS ANTIQUE DRAWBRIDGE

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN Wis. (AP)—There could be no better place than the vicinity of Prairie du Chien for drawbridges to make their last stand.

Here along the old Wisconsin, with memories of Marquette, Black Hawk, Zachary Taylor, young Jefferson Davis and the pioneering John Jacob Astor, is an atmosphere of other times and other manners.

These bridges were built in Lincoln's day and their first span was lifted to permit the passage of boats and log rafts down the river.

It was 35 years ago that the draws were raised at Bridgeport. But the old bridge has remained. Its character settled into the sleepiness of a town which used to be hard and tough.

Next spring a modern concrete bridge will take its place, at a cost of $165,000.

Revolutionary!

An Indiana man has invented a device by which salt can be shaken from a salt shaker. This is one of those revolutionary inventions that really revolutionize.—Los Angeles Times.

ITALY FIGHTING IMPORTED WHEAT

European Country is Winning Out in Her Annual "Battle of Grain."

By Andrew Berding
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

ROME (AP)—Italy is winning "The Battle of Grain." Annually she fights this battle, and once a year she decides who has won the struggle.

"The Battle of Grain," as Mussolini calls it, is the struggle of wheat growers in Italy against foreign farmers. In a nutshell it is the battle of Bonia Wheatlands to make Italy independent of the wheat fields in the United States, Argentina, Canada and Australia.

The annual day of reckoning this year yielded these figures for Italy: 1929 Italy imported 127,[illegible] hundredweights of grain. In the same month of the preceding year she imported 1,944,112 hundredweights. This is a gain of 1,944,112 hundredweights. In the four months from July to October, Italy imported 16,416,714 hundredweight, as against 1,472,197 for the same four months for the same period, one imported. This bettered the trade balance by $15,000,000.

Italy hopes that next year she will be completely independent of foreign producers of wheat. This will conclude one phase of her struggle to make herself self-sufficient in the three great raw materials, wheat, coal and steel. She is rapidly becoming independent of coal by developing hydro-electric resources. She will probably never be independent in the case of iron and steel.

Mussolini is fighting "The Battle of Grain" with laws. One law says that a farmer may not abandon his farm without permission from the provincial government. This permission is rarely given. If he goes without permission he is liable to arrest.

Another law says that owners of wide tracts of land are to place a certain percentage of that land under cultivation. If they do not, their land is confiscated, or they pay fines.

Then, six months ago the Government, to aid the farmer, sharply increased the import duties on wheat.

The combination of all these efforts has given the desired result. And the price of bread, despite the increased import tax, has decreased.

Santa Claus, Ind. Gets Lots of Mail

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. (AP) — Santa Claus, a hamlet of 48 people, becomes an important mail stop in December.

For 11 months of the year, James F. Martin, postmaster, who also runs the general store, handles no more than a couple of dozen pieces of mail a week.

But during December hundreds of letters are sent to the town and thousands of letters and packages come here to be forwarded.

The senders want their Christmas greeting to be even more expressive—the packages bearing the postmark "Santa Claus."

CLOVER SEED PRODUCED

DENT, Ore. (AP)—The largest crop of clover seed ever produced in the county is reported by W. T. McIlwaid, county agent of Deschutes county. A large percentage of this is white clover, although large quantities of red and Ladino clover seed and some alfalfa seed also were produced. One grower in Idaho placed in the county received first prize on it in the land products show held in connection with the international livestock exposition in Chicago.

IRRIGATION PROFITABLE

TOLEDO, Ore. (AP)—An irrigation project proved an extremely profitable venture on the farm of J. C. Fox, of Alsea, this summer, according to a report made by the county agent, M. J. Conklin, of Lincoln county.

On a total investment of $125 for a pump, engine and pipe to deliver the water from the Alsea river, Fox received an actual return of $256. In addition, his cows had good pasture during the dry season and thereby saved him at least $100 worth of hay. Four waterings were given the oats, millet and beets while the potato crop was given only two. The gasoline and oil cost for pumping each watering was about $1 an hour.

Obnoxious Gas

George had been attracted to a house in the neighborhood by the assembled crowd. After an investigation he came to his mother saying: "I went down to Boyd's to see what was the matter. Mr. Boyd is about dead with obnoxious gas in his garage."

Tattoo No Longer Popular

Tattooing is a relic of the past, in so far as the navy is concerned. It is discarded and discredited, with no place on the body and mind of the present-day salesman. The tattooing "parlor" which graced the vicinity of every navy yard and water front, has gone and in its place a new form of the art has appeared, that of tattoo removers.