

Read what the National Council of Defense requests of the merchants in order to conserve the manpower of the country.

The six rules laid down for the retail trade to follow are given:

Retail interests are not to increase their working forces by reason of the holiday business over the average forces employed during the year.

Normal working hours will not be lengthened during the Christmas season.

Retailers will use their utmost efforts to confine Christmas giving, except for young children, to useful articles.

Every effort will be made to spread the period for holiday purchasing over the months of October, November, and December.

Deliveries will be restricted and customers will be asked to carry their own packages wherever possible.

Announcements of the new policy will be made by retailers in their newspaper advertisements.

Begin Your Christmas Buying Now

The request of the Government is that we spread the Holiday Shopping over the months of November and December, since the shortage of help makes it almost impossible to increase the selling force. Also it requests that, except for young children, useful gifts only be given.

Only Useful Gifts Sold at This Store

Gloves for Women

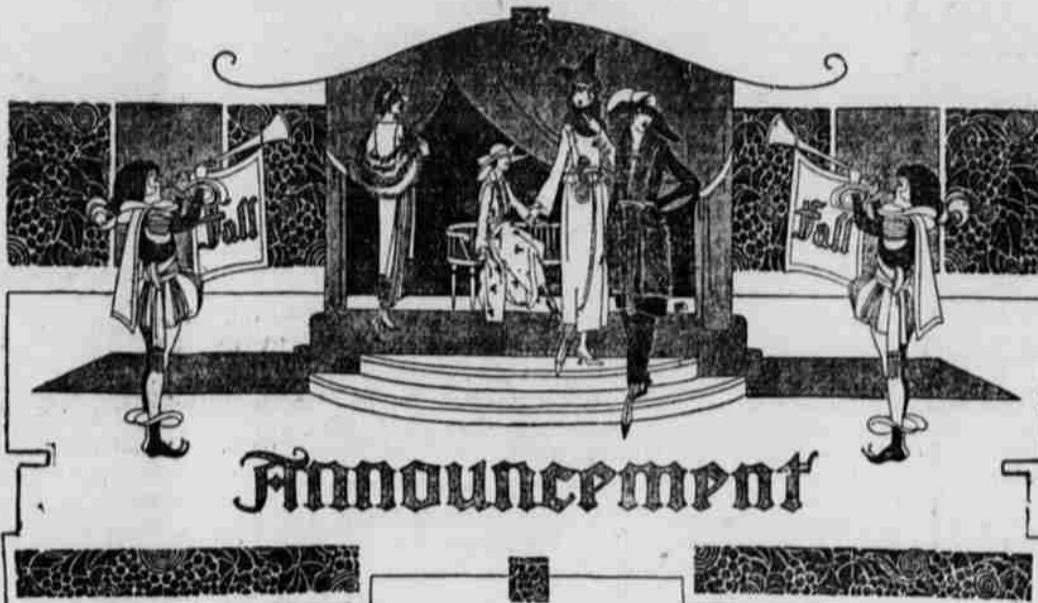
—Gloves are so essential and so giftable. And since kid has become so scarce, good gloves are more welcome than ever before. We are ready to help you select colors and styles for your women friends. Give them all gloves for Christmas.

Umbrellas Make Useful Gifts

—Make some one happy this year with an umbrella. Lots of new ones here at a variety of prices. Women, this season, dangle theirs from the wrist, so they, naturally, proudly display white ivory or amber rings.

Suits, Coats and Dresses

—Your feminine friends will always appreciate the gift of a fine garment such as you will find in our stock of coats, suits and dresses.



The Sweater's The Thing

—Certainly essential is the almost indispensable sweater of today. All the lovely shades of yarn—some vivid, some very subdued—sweaters for sport, for indoor wear; in fact, sweaters found in the sweater shop. Then there are pretty ones and funny ones for the kiddies—for they love "hankies," too.

Handkerchiefs in Gift Boxes

—Give Handkerchiefs—they are always practical. Here you will find them in their most attractive form—exquisitely embroidered on Swiss and Batiste—and daintily boxed. Then there are pretty ones and funny ones for the kiddies—for they love "hankies," too.

Furs Are Ideal Gifts

—The wearing of furs brings not only the satisfaction of being comfortable on cold days, but also the satisfaction of adding an air of distinction to your appearance.

McGee's
DRY GOODS

—Silk Hostery for women—what woman would not be pleased with them?

—Those new velvet bags and leather wallets are ideal for gifts.

SOLDIERS' LETTERS

Sept. 14, 1918.

Mrs. A. C. Spencer,
Ashland, Ore.

Dear Mother and all:—Once more I am to the attack. I have just returned from another fine trip and will soon be very busy helping to write up the report, which is in reality the most difficult part of this job. Every act has to be so minutely recorded because these reports are a matter of permanent record. This time I did not go so far and was with the superintendent all the time and we sure did get a lot done that will be an extremely valuable asset to our entire system of mail.

We handled more letters than there are people in Portland, so you see we were busy. We compare our report tonight and go on another little hike tomorrow. We are then going out on a two weeks' trip that will cover the entire division in a big Cadillac car.

Last Wednesday I was roaming around a little town in a big car and saw Colonel J. L. May walking along the street. Immediately proceeded to dismount and give the counter-

sign. I said to him, "Sir, Lieut. Spencer of Ashland, Oregon, reports for conversation." Gosh, the way he grabbed me would do your heart good. He said, "Spencer, you look as natural as an old shoe." Gee, mother, it didn't make any difference if there were several grades between our ranks. We did have a homey visit. I met a lot of other officers that I knew in Oregon and had a great time. Sure is good to meet the "old Scouts from home."

Right here I ask, isn't there any Ashland nurses who have come over here? If so, please find out what unit they are with, so I can locate them. Met a whole bunch from California about three weeks ago. Great doings. Good old western talk. It seems that there ought to be some nurses over here from the home town, and if so, it is highly proper we should make acquaintance on account of the long distance. All are from home.

The best bunch that I have found over here are from Chicago. They certainly have been good to me and about every week or so I write a blanket letter to them. I learned, in a roundabout way, that my letters are put up on the bulletin board for all of them to read. It's great to

have 100 and odd friends interested that way.

The rest of the Ashland boys are over here now with the 69th, and I am arranging to be able to see them all soon. Hope you are all as well as I am, because that cannot be beat.

Best Love,
LIEUT. DONALD M. SPENCER,
A. P. O., 717, Franse.

Gambling With Destiny

Spending your income as you make it is simply gambling with destiny—and with all the odds against you. You stand all to lose and none to gain.

SYSTEMATIC SAVING

even though small, if constant, eliminates the element of chance and establishes your future on a basis of certainty.

This bank desires to co-operate with you in building on that basis. We have unusual facilities for promoting the interest of our customers.

STATE BANK OF ASHLAND

Harold Simpson, who is with the 65th regiment in France, sends some real thrilling war news that has come under his personal notice in the following letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Simpson:
Sept. 30.

Just time enough to write another short letter, as I have a little while off this afternoon. This stationery I have carried many moons, hence its fine "muddy" appearance. We are now "marking time" awaiting orders.

This has been "some" month. It

was the 29th of August we started to the coast after trucks. That was a great trip, clear across France by train and back by truck. It would take volumes to tell of that trip, so I'll pity the censor a little and try and keep the details clear in my mind, for the future. That trip ended behind the lines and that's where I am now only in a different place from where we first were. I've had my little bit to do in a couple of "celebrations," but I don't want you to worry. If I had been in the same, then there would have been cause to be nervous.

It's surely "great" to watch a long column of German prisoners marching by. I saw two different groups of 1500 each, all pleased with their luck, for it means good eats, relative position on the German side and a place to sleep for the duration of the war. The first bunch were boys, cripples and old men, but the second were a better class of soldiers and well equipped.

The boys all have souvenirs of some kind or other—helmets, belts, buttons, etc. Some of them found an old phonograph in an old dugout and we have music now all the way from "The Poet and the Peasant" to "Oh Eliza, little Liza Jane." However it sounds good in these wilds.

There is so much to tell it seems a shame to stop, but I must. Perhaps I'll be able to write more.

Love,
HAROLD.

Cliff Payne makes cider presses.

Ten Girls Enroll For Hospital Work

Ten girls have registered for reconstruction work under Miss Mable Cummings, head of the Physical Education department of the University of Oregon, and will take the year's course in the training of reconstruction aides. The work will include the study of human anatomy, bacteriology, psychology, and 240 hours of massage and remedial exercise.

A clinic has been established where cases from the Eugene physicians, the S. A. T. C. and the O. T. C. may be treated.

The girls enrolled in the course are Helen Case, Tillamook; Marion Coffey, Portland; Gretchen Colton, Portland; Ella Dews, Klamath Falls; Virginia Hales, Eugene; Sophia Hunter, Roseburg; Mable Laing, Corvallis; Elsie Marsh, Eugene; Melba Williams, Eugene; and Emily Spulak, Canby.

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The Highland Mine Sold by Sheriff

The Highland mine at Snowden in the Salmon River district was sold at sheriff's sale last week to satisfy judgments amounting to \$1400. The property was bid in by George T. Collins and Amos Ninger of Ashland. The Highlander mine was at one time one of the largest producers in the county and some years ago was bought by a Holland syndicate for \$80,000. The syndicate has the right to redeem the property any time within a year and it is stated that they propose to do so.—Yreka News.

The potato crop at Gresham is on but help is scarce.

Bargains in Used Cars.

- One 1914 Ford - \$250.00
- One 1914 " - 300.00
- One 1914 " - 325.00
- One Overland in A1 condition. A real bargain 250.00
- One 1915 Buick four, self starter and electric lights 850.00
- One 1918 Chevrolet - 650.00
- One 1917 Chevrolet with demountable rims, new tires and new wheels 600.00
- One Buick four, 1912, four passenger, A1 condition, good tires - 450.00

House full of New Chevrolets Velies and Cases.

Pruitt-Hittson Auto Co.
Medford, Oregon.

Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Take good care of your Ford car. Don't expect it to give you full service unless you give it some care and attention. Let us give it regular treatment occasionally. No

Don't Take Chances

"bogus" parts or unworthy materials used in our shops, but genuine Ford materials and experienced Ford mechanics. We'll keep your Ford car serviceable for years if you give us the chance. Our prices are mighty reasonable. We want your trade. Why can't we have it? We will serve you better than anybody else.

FORD GARAGE.
Lee Hall, Prop.

No. 67. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Citizens Bank of Ashland.

AT ASHLAND, OREGON,
At the Close of Business, November 1st, 1918.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$282,723.83
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	88.52
Bonds and warrants	67,651.97
Banking house	19,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,800.00
Other real estate owned	1,267.39
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	890.37
Due from approved reserve banks	88,726.74
Checks and other cash items	1,528.87
Cash on hand	22,713.59
Subscriptions due us on Liberty Bond	17,647.05
Total	\$506,538.33

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	7,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,942.60
Dividends unpaid	15.00
Due to banks and bankers	3,340.07
Individual deposits subject to check	254,312.95
Demand certificates of deposit	1,688.11
Cashier checks outstanding	50.00
Time and Savings Deposits	182,505.79
Reserved for interest and taxes	183.81
Total	\$506,538.33

STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson, ss.
I, V. O. N. Smith, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
V. O. N. SMITH, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1918.
L. A. ROBERTS, Notary Public.
My commission expires April 25, 1921.
J. P. DODGE,
C. B. LAMKIN,
W. M. POLEY,
Directors.

Correct—Attest: