

To All We Know:

Our Greetings for the
Happiest of New Years
E. L. STIFF & SON



TO NEW OWNERS OF VICTROLAS

we extend a cordial invitation to
avail themselves of

Our Victor Record Service

We devote an entire floor (second floor) to the proper demonstration of Victor Records—the Demonstration Rooms are glass partitioned, sound-proof and perfectly ventilated—*Comfort Always*. We maintain a

Big Stock of Victor and Pathe Records

Our corps of demonstrators will gladly play any record without any obligation on your part to purchase. They will advise regarding your selection of records—being thoroughly familiar with all the Victor Records, from the popular dance numbers to the most beautiful operatic selections.
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VICTROLAS \$22.50 to \$400

Dealers in Steinway and other Pianos, Pianola Pianos, Victrolas and Records, Player Music, Music Cabinets, Piano Lamps, Etc.

E. L. Stiff & Son

448 COURT STREET

PHONE 941

Trade in Your Old Machine.



COUNTY MONEY NOT SO HEAVY

Reduction in Allowance Per
Scalp Has Effect on Ac-
tivity of Trappers

Reduction of the bounties paid on
moles, moles and greydigger squir-
rels from 10 to 5 cents in the past
year has made a difference in the
count paid out during the 12
months. Whereas the \$4200 approx-
imation set aside for this purpose

has usually been exhausted in April
or May, in 1918 only \$2517.80 of
it was expended. In addition \$19
went for predatory animals.

Trappers, who used to consider
the dime for each skin worth a trip
to the court house, now seldom
bother with them, it appearing only
profitable when a man has a catch
of about 50. In the last quarter
of the year one brought in 413 grey-
diggers while two others had 189,
and 162. The squirrels lead in the
number caught, moles taking second
place.

Let us thank God for another
thing, the Atlantic and Pacific will
never be known as the German
oceans.



A New Year's Greeting
Bright and True,
From All of Us to All of You
C. S. HAMILTON
House Furnisher

EXPANSION OF NAVAL COLLEGE BEING PLANNED

School at Newport, Rhode
Island, to Be Under
Direction of Sims

WILL AID PROMOTION

Students of Institution Have
Opportunity for More
Rapid Rise

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Under
plans for a comprehensive expansion
of the naval war college at Newport,
R. I., until its work will reach offi-
cers throughout the fleet, Vice Ad-
miral Sims, now commanding Amer-
ican naval forces abroad, will return
to the presidency of the college when
his present duty is completed. Sec-
retary Daniels disclosed this assign-
ment today in presenting to the
house naval committee a request for
double the appropriation made for
the college last year. He also told
the committee that Admiral Sims
would be returned to Newport col-
lege, which he left just before the
United States entered the war in order
to hasten to London to arrange for
the participation of the American
navy in the fight against the common
enemy.

"The study of naval strategy and
naval tactics during the last four
years," the secretary told the com-
mittee, "will have deep interest for
every naval officer, and the applica-
tion of the principles learned during
the war in future naval strategy will
need to be studied by all naval offi-
cers who may be charged with re-
sponsible duties. I do not think that
any money for naval purposes can be
expended more wisely than to give
the opportunity for naval officers to
study at the war college and to carry
the study to all men in the fleet."

Under Admiral Sims' direction the
college will expend its work so that
it will touch every officer in the fleet
as well as those officers who are pri-
vileged to go to Newport for a term.
It is his purpose to have assigned to
the college an eminent naval con-
structor and along with the study of
tactics and strategy there will be the
study of naval construction. We
have learned many things about the
building of ships and the importance
of the protection of ships during the
war. Other officers and other staff
and corps will also have the advan-
tage of attendance at the war college.

How would it do to turn the pro-
posed peace conference into an ex-
perience meeting, with the rulers of
the various countries making a
frank confession of what they desire
to accomplish as a result of the con-
ference? If such a thing were possible,
it would be found that there was
much difference in their professions
and their real views on many points.
—Exchange.

BIG WILL CASE DECIDED UPON

Supreme Court Holds That
Mrs. Stevens Shares
Myers Estate

Litigation extending over a period
of 10 years and involving an estate
valued at more than half a million
dollars, was concluded yesterday
when the supreme court handed
down a reverse opinion in the famous
will controversy of Georgia Frances
Stevens appellant, vs. George Tobias
Myers, Jr. Effect of the opinion is
that Mrs. Stevens, sister of the de-
fendant, will come into possession of
half of the estate and that her brother
must make an accounting to her
for all rents, issues and profits of
the estate since July 12, 1907, the
date of death of their father, George
Tobias Myers, Sr.

Included in the estate are a half
block of business property in Port-
land, valued at \$150,000, and exten-
sive cannery and fishing interests in
Alaska. Both litigants live in Port-
land.

The opinion today was written by
Justice Johns and was concurred in
by Chief Justice McBride and all the
associate justices except Justice Har-
ris, who did not take part in the
case, and Justice Burnett, who wrote
a dissenting opinion on the grounds
that evidence was not sufficient to
establish the contention that mutual
will had been drawn up by the
parents of the litigants prior to their
deaths.

What Happened to His Sins
I stepped into the express eleva-
tor of a skyscraper and was the only
passenger. Presently approached
three of the blackest of colored men;
two evidently just arrived from the
South. They asked the starter a
question evidently with regard to
the location of a tenant. The starter
pushed all three into a car and said
to the elevator boy, "Fifteenth!" As
the car didn't start right away, one
of the darkies, after scrutinizing the
car, said to me, with evident sur-
prise:

"Be this you all's office, Mistan
Jennins?"

One of his companions, who evi-
dently had made the ascent before,
replied:

"Dis am no office! Dis am de el-
evatah! You jes wait till she go up.
But, Lordy, dat's nuthin' to what
she do comin' down! All you sins
jes' rises up befoh you!"—(Cartoons
Magazine)

NOBLE SCHOOL HAS PROGRAM

Christmas Exercises Are Held
and Treat Is Distrib-
uted to All

SCOTTS MILLS, Or., Dec. 31.—
Christmas exercises were held at the
Noble school Monday night. After
the program a treat was distributed
to all present by Santa Claus. The
program follows:

Christmas song—School.
Recitation, "If Christmas Never
Came," Joe Gersch.
Recitation, "A Christmas Tree,"
Irene Dunagan.
Recitation, "A Bright Idea," Ray
Richter.
Recitation, "Grandma's Mistake,"
Lorraine Hogg.
Song, Christmas carol.
Recitation, "Queer Christmas
Gifts," Ruby Richter.

Recitation, "Santa Claus for Pres-
ident," Otis Shepherd.
Dialogue, "Santa Claus' Work-
shop."

Recitation, "The Christmas Mou-
sie," Ambrose Gersch.
Recitation, "Ray's Stocking and
Mine," Dollie Richter.

Exercise, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Lit-
tle Star!"
Song, "The Song of the Bells," by
the school.

Recitation, "Same Old Santa,"
John Gersch.
Recitation, "The Doctor," Vernon
Richter.

Recitation, "A Possibility," Frank
Shepherd.
Recitation, "If Santa Claus Should
Die," Dennie Baars.

Recitation, "Old Santa Claus," Av-
erill Dunagan.
Recitation, "Tis Christmas Night,"
Dorthea Shepherd.

Song, "Silent Night," Joe Gersch
and Dorthea Shepherd.

W. L. Taylor returned home Friday
evening from Portland where he vis-
ited several days.

Miss Mabel Baars of Oregon City
visited her parents Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Moore of
Hopewell spent Christmas with Mrs.
A. C. Reed at Scotts Mills, Mrs. C. A.
Dunagan and children also spending
Christmas with Mrs. Reed.

Gherhart Plas, after being dis-
charged from Camp Lewis, returned
home Friday.

Pete Serniott of Camp Lewis is
visiting his parents at Crooked Finger
during the holidays.

Dale and Glenn Magee of Crooked
Finger are visiting their parents at
Scotts Mills.

The packing plant at Scotts Mills
finished packing prunes Friday noon,
having packed over 1,000,000 pounds
this season.

The Scotts Mill school is closed
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fisher have
moved into J. S. Korb's house.

Frank Hettiver of Camp Lewis is
visiting his parents at Crooked Finger
during the holidays.

Mrs. W. T. Hogg and children vis-
ited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ma-
plethorp in Salem Sunday.

J. A. Kinsler of Silverton visited H.
E. Magee at Crooked Finger Sunday.

Clyde Lewis of Camp Lewis is vis-
iting his parents at Crooked Finger.
He is home on a two-week furlough.

Jakol Biersack went to Salem on
business Saturday.

Allan Bellingier was a Salem vis-
itor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Daly of Crooked
Finger are visiting relatives and
friends in Portland during the holi-
days.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lewis and
family of Riekey visited Mr. Lewis'



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HAPPY
NEW YEAR

GALE & COMPANY

Formerly Chicago Store
Commercial and Court Sts.

parents at Crooked Finger Christ-
mas.

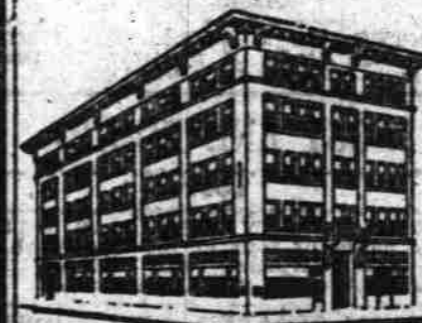
Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Rice and family
spent Christmas in Woodburn with
Mrs. Rice's father, W. Williams.

Paul Semolke of Camp Lewis is
home on a short furlough during the
holidays.

**FIRE DESTROYS OIL
BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 30.—**
Fire following an explosion attrib-
uted to spontaneous combustion virtu-
ally destroyed the oil barge Lynn
and 5,000 barrels of crude petroleum
here today. It is estimated that the
loss will be about \$250,000. There
was no loss of life.

"A Prosperous New Year"

THIS sentiment not only expresses the wish
of the directors, officers and staff of
the United States National Bank, but outlines
our work for 1919.



**United States
National Bank**
Salem Oregon.

Feldstein Director Company

Wish You
A Happy New Year

Ever since coming to Salem we have enjoyed a very liberal pa-
tronage and we cannot refrain at this time from expressing to you
our appreciation.

We trust that our relations for the future will continue as pleas-
ant as they have been in the past and that good health and good
fortune will be yours during the New Year.

FELDSTEIN DIRECTOR CO.

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