

# Xmas Suggestions

A perplexing problem that we face just now is what we are going to get for him or her as a Christmas remembrance. In our stock you will find numerous articles that will make practical as well as suitable gifts for father, mother, sister, brother or sweetheart. Come in and look. It's always a pleasure to show what we have. Below we have listed a few items appropriate as gifts:

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| <b>FOR HIM</b> | <b>FOR HER</b>    |
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| Rifles         | Electric Toasters |
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

VISIT our furniture store while making your gift selections. You will find many articles that will make pleasing and acceptable presents.

### A NICE RUG

For instance would please the wife. We have reduced our rugs from 5 to 20 percent.

### KIDDIE KARS

Wheelbarrows and chairs for the little ones.

**ROSS Furniture Store**

# AUTO ROBES

# AND HORSE BLANKETS

AT COST

We are overstocked on auto robes and horse blankets and must have money, and have decided to close out these two items at cost.

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Emergency tariff legislation, if passed by the present congress, is apt to prove a remedy more dangerous than the ills it seeks to cure. It will be an ill-considered makeshift, a hodge podge of class legislation, obviously for the benefit of agricultural interests at the expense of other interests. The g. o. p. will be wise to take a year at least for its tariff building. The task is both delicate and difficult, and cannot be hurried profitably. The farmer will come out all right. Throughout this section at least he continues to be reckoned among its most substantial citizens, whose broad acres are worth more money than ever before, in the unlikely event that he would consent to part with them.

As was perhaps to be expected, this is the way it looks to The Wall Street Journal: "In other words, the United States government has neither money nor credit to extend to farmers combining to influence unfairly a world market which is and ought to be beyond this country's control. In plain terms, what the North Dakota banks have attempted and what the Federal Reserve board is asked to attempt is to finance tottering bull pools formed by ill-advised farmers to create artificial prices for cotton and wheat."

The esteemed Pendleton Tribune wants us to pay six dollars a year for that paper and receive two dollars for our own. We are rather glad of this excuse to cut the "Trib" from our exchange list, as we were really getting the worst of it on the old basis of an even swap.

It is another evidence of New York's smirking provincialism that its people evidently prefer to be robbed or to die there at the hands of thugs and murderers rather than to move to a good, safe town like this.

At least ten million people are evidently doomed to die of starvation this winter in China. It is another reason why American people should be thankful that they happened to be born in this particular section of the globe.

Punch board, glad rags, jazz and fivver get more "play" than the Red Cross in communities where a good share of the people have about as much conception of life's significance as a bunch of Fijians.

"Every Man an Athlete" is the new sports slogan adopted at O. A. C. If every athlete is likewise a man, the college is certain to enter upon a career of greater usefulness and glory.

There are no less than seventy-six millions of people in the little kingdom of Nippon, but friend California would evidently like to contribute a few thousand more.

The news that the price of government owned ships is going down leaves us unmoved, as they cannot be used in navigating the Wild Horse or Pine creek.

There would be more occasion for rejoicing if the Plymouth Rock hen would only unite in that great tercentenary celebration by laying a few eggs.

Some people there are whose objection to the importation of Canadian products does not extend to their favorite kind of Christmas spirit.

And there's a chance for cementing family ties between the nations should an international court lead to international courting.

Perhaps Rockefeller's memory was also taxed, since it seems to have slipped a cog in making out his annual statement.

Jonathan Bourne objects to the award of the Nobel peace prize to Woodrow Wilson. Oh, why was Jonathan Bourne?

A negro footpad held up and frisked a Portland policeman who tried to draw his pistol instead of the color line.

The sales tax proposed by Otto H. Kahn New York banker and economist, would reach all the people in proportion to their wealth as shown by their buying power, and would yield \$650,000,000 annually. Since

more taxation is inevitable, this plan has much to commend it. For one thing, it would reach the spendthrift.

The telephone company's loss this year in Oregon was \$691,000, and it has an estimated deficit of \$824,000 for 1921. This indicates how little anybody knows of the other fellow's business—most of us having heretofore regarded the telephone proposition as a mint.

We assume that if Portland doesn't due its duty, Crater Lake is due to become a desert butte and Mount Hood a hole in the ground.

President-elect Harding will be lost indeed if there should happen to be a strike on the part of the busy cabinet makers.

With the Georgia Peach as manager, if the other clubs expect to put anything over on Detroit they'll have to Ty Cobb.

Trade will be permitted with soviet Russia at the trader's risk—but it will not be at the Russian trader's risk.

Walla Wallans who seek to "start something" with their city administration will now have a Hill to climb.

When it comes to scrapping the league, let us hope that Uncle Sam doesn't have to scrap the league.

We usually think of Uncle Sam as tall, but this year he is about fifteen hundred millions short.

It's a merrier Christmas for the farmer who sold his wheat while the selling was good.

Our sympathy goes out to Harding in his effort to conciliate the irreconcilables.

D'Annunzio reminds us of a mite that isn't right.

### Bootleggers Nabbed.

On the home stretch of his short tenure in the sheriff's office Jinks Taylor is landing hard and often on the moonshiners. One still was captured yesterday, together with some liquid contraband, in the Freewater neighborhood. The moonshiner, one Claude Anderson, was taken with his outfit, and was fined \$150 in Justice Richards' court at Athena. Another Freewater culprit, whose name is Hill, was found with two ten gallon containers full of intoxicants, and brought by the sheriff before Justice Richards. Hill was put under bonds of \$250 to appear next Monday for examination.

### Wheat Condition Good.

The condition of Umatilla county's 200,000 acres of winter wheat is found to be 100 percent, according to the recent report of the bureau of crop estimates.

# ..Telephone Credit..

The telephone company will be compelled to borrow large amounts of money in the next few years, not only to extend its service to new subscribers, but to take care of the constantly increasing use of the service by present subscribers.

A lender in business will demand of a borrower ample security and will insist that its value be maintained without deterioration. He must be shown that this security has an assured earning power. He must be satisfied that his investment is safe; that it can be disposed of at any time without loss and that it will bring him a continuous return.

At the present time this company's operations in Oregon are conducted at a deficit. Its expenses are greater than its revenue. No return is being received by its stockholders from their property in Oregon. Not even the interest on its bonds properly chargeable to its Oregon properties is being paid from Oregon receipts.

With new capital scarce and commanding high rates of return, a business showing operating results such as these will find it difficult, if not impossible, to secure money for its necessities.

We assume that the people of Oregon wish to treat the utilities doing business in this state justly and fairly, and in this belief we have asked the Public Service Commission to approve a schedule of rates increasing our revenues. The amount asked for is relatively small to the individual rate payer, but the aggregate will place us in a position where we can obtain the outside capital necessary in our operation.

Under present conditions an adequate telephone service—efficient and sufficient—is dependent upon higher rates.

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### NOTICE TO PATRONS

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## PASTIME POOL HALL

## CANDY! CANDY!

It is not all over yet. We still have plenty of candy left—Some nice, big boxes and some mighty fine bulk candy. Have you bought your barrel of flour? If not, why not?

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