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## Christmas Giving

The merchants report that the public is showing more discrimination in the purchasing of Christmas gifts. This is as it should be, for the former wholesale buying of gifts rendered a beautiful custom into a commercial transaction of barter and exchange. In many cases it was simply a hold up and the value of the gift was determined by that which the giver had received the year before. Those who could not afford an expensive gift thought it obligatory to send one of equal value to that which had been received or which they thought to receive from wealthy friends. Thus the true spirit of Christmas giving was ignored. A Christmas gift should be sacramental, that is an outward visible sign of an inward spiritual grace. It should be the evidence of love, friendship and sympathy, a gift which seeks no return but the affection of the recipient. The spirit which the bestowal of the first Christmas gift governs all subsequent ones. What this was, is sublimely told us in the well known text: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life."

## Special Session Of The State Legislature

The Governor has called a special session of the legislature to convene on January 13, as the accident funds for the compensation of injured workmen, are too low to furnish even the bare living costs to those entitled to relief.

As long as the government used the *suaviter in modo* method with Mexico, no attention was paid, but when it prepared to be *fortiter in re*, then the latter sat up and took notice. The result was that Consul Jenkins was immediately released. This reminds one of the old saying, "if you stroke a nettle, it will sting you, but if you grasp it firmly it will not hurt you."

The coal mine situation seems to be improving, but nevertheless coal will be short this winter. We should be thankful that we are not living where the thermometer is several degrees below zero and coal the main article of fuel.

In La Grande only 500 lbs of coal can be delivered to a family and then only, if there is less than a week's supply of fuel on hand. Wood may only be sold a half cord to a family. This is in accordance with government regulations.

A letter recently received from England, states that the people are still under rationing regulations. One and a half ounces of butter is allowed per head weekly, sugar 8 ounces and coal not more than a hundred weight a week. Prices are exceedingly high; milk twenty-four cents a quart and fresh eggs eleven cents each.

## Women's Tasks Reduced

Electricity lightens much of the work which once fell to her unaided hands.

The farmer's wife, after generations of irksome toil, is coming into her own.

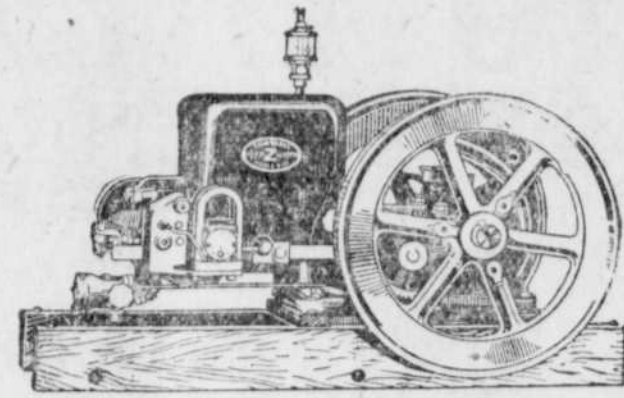
With the universal adoption of the automobile and the more recent perfection of individual electric lighting and power plants, her home life has undergone an epochal change.

The toil and monotony which attached itself to woman's place in rural life long has been proverbial. Removed from the city, the country women for the most part was without the scope of those many advantages which during the last century have come through invention and development.

While engineering science was developing the reaper and binder, the gasoline engine, the tractor, the truck and machinery to aid the farmer in increasing the acreage and production of his land, it did nothing of vital importance to relieve the work of the farmer's wife. She still was forced to adhere to methods which came into vogue in the time of her grandmother. For the most part she churned by hand, washed by hand, swept by hand and sewed by uncertain light. The result was that she grew old before her time and enjoyed none of the pleasures to which she rightfully was entitled.

No development of the era has done quite so much to better her condition as the modern electric lighting and power plants.

With the perfection of these, a decided change has been wrought in her daily life. Where once she bent over a tub, she now has a power washer. The hand churn she has discarded for one operated by an electric motor. The old broom has been supplanted by a vacuum cleaner. The smoking oil lamp has been replaced by an electric portable. The sewing machine and milk separator are now equipped with motors. The ironing is done by electricity. There is modern sanitary plumbing and running water in the house—improvements which may be



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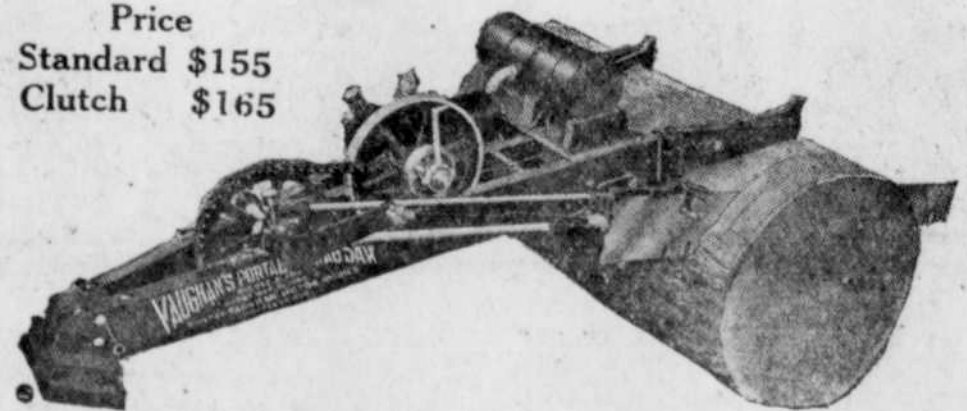
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## Stork Delivery

On December 5th, 1919, a ten pound boy was brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Bilderbach, in Estacada, with Dr. Morse in attendance.