



## A Bird In the Hand's Worth Two In the Bush

When you go out of town to buy you don't know what you are getting. The merchant you patronize in town knows that to keep you trade he MUST TREAT YOU SQUARELY. Besides, you KEEP THE MONEY IN TOWN. And you are a town booster.

READ THE HOME PAPER

## Christmas Section The Forest Grove Express

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## Some Christmas Celebrations

In many homes the same customs are followed year after year at Christmas. Thus in one home where there are always visitors for the holidays an enormous square wicker hamper which has done service in the same capacity for twenty years is brought from the storeroom and placed in the general hall. Festive holly wreaths are tied to the handles and to the top with big red bows, giving it a decidedly holiday appearance. As gifts arrive they go at once into the hamper. On Christmas morning after breakfast the father of the family opens the hamper and with fitting ceremony and humorous remarks distributes the gifts.

A large bag resembling a mail pouch and made of brown and tan denim with "U. S. Mail" marked in large black letters on it hangs each Christmas season near the fireplace in the large living room of another house. Into this are slipped family presents and those sent by outsiders. The leather strap which fastens the bag is regarded as sacred, and no one would think of tampering with Santa Claus' property till Christmas morning.

A huge red Christmas stocking, large enough to hold all the family gifts, makes its annual appearance in a western home. It is constructed of a firm bright red cotton cloth and a barrel hoop encircles the top, holding it open. It is suspended by wide red ribbons from the second floor stairs leading

and before Christmas boxes and packages of all sizes and kinds are dropped in from above. On Christmas morning the family gathers beneath this well filled receptacle, which is lowered and dragged by the ribbons into the center of the living room, where the contents are distributed.

Several years ago the young daughter of another family established a little custom which is still carried out each Christmas eve. On large red placards, hung with red ribbons, she writes with phosphorus the names of the different members of the family. These she places about the room. The mother's card hangs over the piano, on which her gifts are to be laid. Over the library table is suspended the father's card, designating his allotted space. The deep window seat, the davenport, etc., are other places assigned to other members of the family. Late Christmas eve all the lights, except a dim flicker in the hall, are extinguished, the armfuls of presents are brought down, and by means of the bright signs the gifts are put in their proper places.

For the past ten years a miniature sleigh drawn by six papier mache reindeer has appeared on the Christmas breakfast table of a New England family. Surrounding jolly little St. Nick, who, seated in the sleigh, holds the red lines, are piled the choice gifts, those that fit into small packages, such as jewelry and money. The boxes are opened before breakfast is served, and the Christmas tree festivities come later in the morning.

A pretty custom observed by several musical families is for the entire household to come downstairs together early in the morning singing carols.

In some homes the celebration begins on Christmas eve. At a country place near New York the custom is to have a small tree hung with joke gifts in the center of the dining room table. Piled about the tree is the collection of substantial worth while remembrances. After the latter have been distributed the family and house guests adjourn to the main room, which is hung with garlands of holly and mistletoe. Then the Yule log is brought in and laid on the andirons of the big fireplace. The lights from the blaze and from numerous candles furnish the only illumination. While the gifts are taken from the miniature tree and the attached sentiments read the health of Santa Claus is drunk.

### Sale of the Christmas Seals.

More than 80,000,000 Christmas seals, approximating in value \$800,000, were sold in 1915, according to C. M. De Forest, chief field agent of the National Association For the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. This was an increase of 25,000,000 over the sales of 1914, which then set the record.

The sales in New York state were more than 17,000,000, in Missouri 3,000,000 and in Iowa 2,000,000. Large increases also were made in Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Florida and Virginia.

Approximately \$800,000 was thus raised in the past season to aid in the fight to minimize the white plague. This brings the total sales of seals since the idea was started up to \$3,295,000, including \$4,500 raised in 1907, the initial year, when the experiment was confined to Delaware.

The plan was nationalized in 1908, when \$138,244 was realized. The totals since then have been: 1909, \$237,152; 1910, \$304,320; 1911, \$339,650; 1912, \$384,900; 1913, \$430,314; 1914, \$550,000.

### Various Trees For Christmas.

In the middle west nurserymen grow large quantities of Norway spruce for Christmas trees. But the tree most commonly used in the northern and central states is a short needle pine found in the woods of northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Early in September the Indians about the lumber camps in this territory are set to work cutting these trees for the market, and by early November a little fleet of vessels makes its way down Lake Michigan to Chicago, whence the trees are shipped to various cities all over the country.

### An Old Christmas Saw.

He that maketh at Christmas a dog his larder and in March a pig his gardener and in May a fool a keeper of wise counsel, he shall never have a good larder, fair garden nor well kept counsel.

Christmas Post Cards, Stickers and address labels free at Wells Fargo Express office. Send your Christmas presents by express, cheapest, safest, best. Insurance free. 49-t2

## ELECTIONS

### Royal Arch Election

The members of Forest Grove chapter No. 37, R. A. M., last Friday evening elected officers as follows: P. C. Starrett, High Priest; C. L. Bump, King; O. S. Higby, Scribe; E. D. West, Captain of Host; B. F. White, Treasurer; C. T. Richardson, Secretary. The following officers were appointed: R. P. Nixon, Principal Sojourner; D. R. Cheney, Royal Arch Captain; W. H. Bentley, Master Third Veil; Chas. E. Wells, Master Second Veil; D. D. Bump, Master Third Veil; W. D. Parker, Sentinel.

Installation will occur on Friday, Dec. 22d.

### The Grand Army

At the recent election of officers of James B. Mathews Post, No. 6, G. A. R., the following officers were elected: J. T. Butler, post commander; W. H. Perry, senior vice; John Beahan, junior vice; G. C. Thomas, quartermaster; W. J. R. Beach, chaplain; Daniel Daffron officer of the day; C. H. Bennett, officer of the guard.

The installation will take place the first week in January, probably in conjunction with the Relief Corps installation.

### Modern Woodmen Elect

The members of Forest Grove Camp No. 6228, Modern Wood-

## Free Movie Tickets

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## STAR THEATER Forest Grove Oregon

Get them from our Merchants. The firms listed below have purchased Matinee tickets to give Free to their customers. When you purchase 25c worth of any of the firms mentioned below, you will be given a Matinee Ticket Free—four tickets for \$1.00. These tickets are to be given away for ten weeks, beginning with performance of Saturday, November 25. Good only for Saturday Matinees. Ask for tickets when making purchases. Here are the firms which give tickets:

Schultz Pure Food Store	Goff Bros., Hardware and Stoves
Dr Hines' Drug Store	Office Shearer, Confectioner
American Restaurant	Geo. G. Paterson, Furniture and Pianos
Home Bakery	Forest Grove Express, Printing
King & Co., Gen'l Mdse.	

men of America, elected officers Friday night, as follows: E. H. Martin, venerable consul; J. E. Tumbleson, worthy adviser; W. B. Potwin, banker; G. G. Paterson, clerk; H. N. Robinson, escort; C. M. Perry, sentry; H. G. King, watchman and trustee; Drs. Kauffman and Tucker, physicians.

These officers will be installed the second Friday night in January, at which time the members will enjoy a banquet.

### Firemen Elect Officers

The members of the Forest Grove Fire department last evening elected officers, as follows:

J. G. Lenneville, chief; H. J. Perry, assistant chief; L. F. Humburg, captain hose wagon; F. Porter, captain hook and ladder wagon; F. Saunders, president; R. W. Reder, vice president; C. H. Lenneville, secretary; B. Davis, treasurer.

Arrangements were made for the New Year's open house and for the annual ball to be held New Year's night, mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

### I. O. O. F. Encampment

The members of Washington Encampment No. 24, elected officers last night, as follows: Bernard Ortman, chief patriarch; James Devlin, high priest; Wm. VanAntwerp, senior warden; R. C. Hill, junior warden; S. A. Walker, scribe; J. H. Shearer, treasurer.

Installation will be second Wednesday in January.

Found—Halter. Call at this office and recover property.

### The Christmas Mail

We would impress upon our patrons the necessity of co-operating with the postal service to the fullest possible extent in preparing and mailing Christmas parcels. You can materially aid the work by following the rules set forth:

Prepay postage fully on all parcels. Address parcels fully and plainly. Place name and address of sender on all matter.

Pack parcels carefully and wrap them securely, but do not seal them, as sealed packages are subject to postage at letter rates.

Mail packages early; they may be marked "do not open until Christmas." Insure valuable parcels.

Written inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas" "Happy New Year" "With Best Wishes" and numbers, names or letters for the purpose of description, are permissible to fourth class (parcel post) mail. Books may bear dedicatory inscriptions not of a personal nature. Other written additions subject parcels to letter postage. Communications prepaid at first-class rate may be with parcels prepaid at fourth-class rate provided they are placed in envelopes securely attached to the outside of the parcels. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ROBERT P. WIRTZ,  
Postmaster.

The band boys will give another dance at I. O. O. F. building a week from Saturday night, Dec. 23d. Better go and have a good time.

George V. McClure a Chautauqua lecturer, will deliver a lecture, entitled, "The Fine-Tooth Comb," at the M. E. church on Monday evening next, Dec 18th, at 8 o'clock. Admission free. You are invited.

## We'll Make Good

on any promise we make to deliver work on a given date. The Express has one of the best equipped little printing plants in the Willamette valley, having added several hundred dollars' worth of material to the Williams plant for

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