

**INTEREST IN OREGON PASSES PRECEDENTS**

Majority of Inquiries Come From "Middle West"—Confined to Four Languages.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 10, 1906. Special Correspondence.

Fifty dollars per week in postage gives some idea of the enormous joint correspondence of the Oregon Development League and Portland Commercial Club.

The present interest in Oregon passes all precedents and the inquiry exceeds by at least 100 per cent that of the Lewis and Clark Exposition period.

The above refers only to the correspondence conducted by Tom Richardson, and for several weeks past each and every one of the 62 commercial bodies throughout Oregon which compose the Oregon Development League have been furnished with the names and addresses of enquirers sufficient to keep a well equipped office busy in disseminating information about the different portions of the state.

These enquires are chiefly confined to four languages, and while those using English in their correspondence predominate, there are many Germans, Swedes and Poles writing for information, and all will be supplied.

The Oregon Development League has been doing some very extensive advertising throughout the Dakotas, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Indiana and Ohio. Naturally, the range of enquiries covers almost every part of the United States, but the great majority of them are coming from what is known as the "Middle West," that region which includes the Mississippi Valley and embraces all the territory between the Rockies and the Allegheny Mountains.

Every subject is touched upon in these communications, but those relative to dairying seem to be in the majority, and fortunately for Western Oregon especially, it seems to be generally understood that in this particular section the dairyman has green pasture the year around.

Cost of living expenses is asked in many letters, climatic conditions form the chief note of others. There are those who want to engage in bee-keeping, others who wish to raise poultry. Angora goats, cattle and sheep all receive their share of attention. Fruit growing is, of course, a subject of special prominence in many

letters, but remarkable as it may appear, while a majority of the letters come from wheat growing districts, very few, if any of the writers, ask regarding this important cereal.

The Oregon Development League, through its central office at Portland, has placed in the hands of the 62 organizations forming its membership, an opportunity to get directly in touch with people already enough interested in Oregon to have written letters asking about "The Beaver State," and this opportunity should be improved by each and every community, for when a farmer's interest in any portion of the country is sufficient inducement for him to write a letter it shows he is pretty much in earnest. He should not be allowed to forget Oregon and its special advantages until he becomes a resident of this state.

It is during the Winter months that the farmers of the entire Mississippi Valley, and especially the section represented in the states mentioned above, do their greatest amount of reading, and they ought to be given a chance to learn all about this state. The foundation of an active campaign by any commercial body is first of all to determine who shall be written to for best results. This question is answered amply by the lists furnished by the Oregon Development League. Never was so splendid and economical an opportunity presented before for every community to advance its interests.

**SOUVENIR PLAYING CARDS**

Issued by Great Northern Railway.

The Great Northern Railway and Great Northern Steamship Companies have issued a new edition of playing cards. They are printed on exceptionally fine stock, and are better cards for the price asked than can be had elsewhere. The advertising, consisting of the trade mark, is worked into an oriental design and is confined entirely to the back of the card. The Steamship card is the more elaborate of the two and is finished with gilt edges. Great Northern Railway cards 15 cents per pack. Steamship cards 25 cents per pack. Mailed to any address on receipt of price.

A. L. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager, St. Paul, Minn.

A Cincinnati judge has declared that a married woman's infatuation for her pastor is not proof of insanity. She simply carries a few bugs in the pan in which sensible women carry their brains.

**ALFALFA PRESENTS CHARACTERISTICS OF VALUE**

Will Be of Benefit to the Farm as a Destroyer of Weeds.

Probably no other crop without a single exception, presents so many characteristics of value as alfalfa. As it is studied more and more, and as new experiments are made with it in different capacities, its wonderful capacities became more and more manifest. A very eminent authority has discovered that it is a weed eradicator of unfailing power. This will seem like contradiction to readers who have been cautioned about weeds, and which will prove more destructive to alfalfa than any combatable influence. Nevertheless it is strictly true that the plant is the greatest destroyer of weeds known. This comes not so much from any quality contained in the alfalfa plant, but from the inability of the weeds to endure having their heads cut off so many times in Summer close to their feet. The most strenuous weed soon will succumb to this harsh treatment, while the alfalfa plant will thrive all the better the more it is cut. If weeds can be kept back from choking the young alfalfa plants until they, the alfalfa plants, are tall enough to be mowed, the question of weeds in the particular parcel of ground is settled. Therefore, it is wise to select a weedy piece of ground for the alfalfa field, but before sowing the seed every precaution should be taken to kill as many weeds as possible. This can best be done by simply following the oft-repeated injunction to thoroughly prepare the seed bed before sowing the seed. If this be done, and the tract harrowed and rolled after plowing at a time when the tiny weeds begin to show green over the field, and again just before time to sow, there will be the cleanest field on the farm before the year is out. There are many weed-infected farms and many farmers who have despaired of ever getting rid of the weeds. Alfalfa suggests the means of riddance—C. M. Ginther in Agricultural Epitomist.

According to the census bureau the wealth of the United States is increasing at an astonishingly rapid rate. The story is told in figures so vast as to be almost beyond comprehension. In 1890 the wealth of the nation was \$65,000,000,000. In 1900 it was \$88,000,000,000, and in 1904 the census bureau tells us the grand total of \$107,000,000,000 has been reached.

**USEFUL Christmas Presents IN GREAT VARIETY**

**Leather Goods**

We have a large assortment of genuine Leather Hand Bags, Pocket Books, Bill Books, Cigar Cases, Purses, etc.

**Mirrors**

French Plate hand Mirrors, exceptionally good quality, range in price from 50c to \$4.00.

**Box Papers**

A good line of Xmas Gift Paperies for 50c to \$2.50, anything to suit the pocketbook.

**Toilet Sets**

One dozen Toilet Sets will be sold at a sacrifice. These are all good pieces.

**Photo Albums**

A large stock goes at cost.

**Games**

A big shipment of games of every description just received. Games for the little folks and games for boys and girls.

**Perfumes**

All the latest creations in Package Perfumes, Sachet Powders etc.

Spiehler's "Norma" "Queen of Violets," "Queen of Roses," "Japanese Tea Rose," "White Rose" "Crab Apple Blossom," "Wild Crab Apple"—The latest goods all in stock, 50c to \$1.00 per oz. Also large stock of Lundborgs, Eastman, Dalrooks, Perfumes.

Toilet Preparations of every description.

**Fountain Pens**

Watermans Fountain Pens in all sizes and styles, ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$6.00 A Waterman makes an ideal Christmas gift. They are warranted.

Our Regular Drug and Sundry stock is complete in every department.

Perscription work a specialty.

**.....The Model Drug Store.....**

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**GOLDEN RULE STORE**

Big Line of Toys for Little Folks

Little things at little prices that will fill the little Hearts with good Cheer.

DOLLS, all sizes—A large 18 inch Doll, kid body, sleeping eyes, either light or dark hair. You will pay \$1.50 for no better, our special Holiday price.....98c

Mecanical Toys at 15, 25 up to 50c

Doll Trunks at 35, 50, 68c. up to \$1.75

Tool Boxes 48, 65 and 98c

Toy Dishes 10, 13, 25, 35 and 50c

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for EVERYBODY**

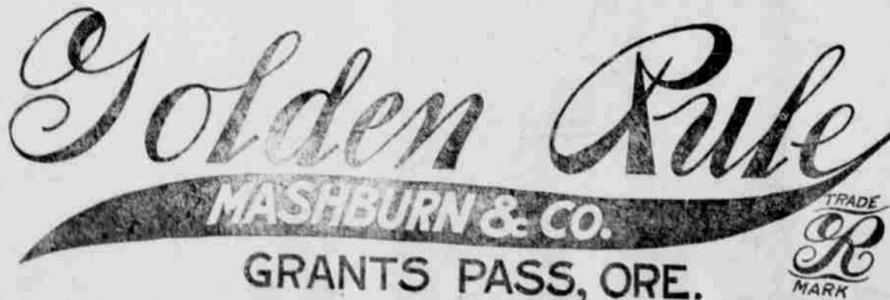
Just 8 short days in which to do that Xmas Shopping, don't put off buying that Christmas Present too long, you know the best things go first. Lots of Christmas Presents for everybody, if you buy your Xmas goods at the GOLDEN RULE you will have more money to start the New Year with

WE SELL EM FOR LESS

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FAMILY**

FOR FATHER	FOR BROTHER	FOR SISTER	FOR MOTHER
Suspenders	Neckties	What would be more appropriate than a pair of those long	Wool Dress Pattern
House Slippers	15c, 25c, 35c and 50c	16-Button Kid Gloves, price	Silk Dress Pattern
Neckties	Kid Gloves	\$3.50.	Silk Waist
Night Shirts	\$1.00 and \$1.50		House Slippers
Gloves	Handkerchiefs		Hand Bag
Hose	5c to 75c		Gloves
Handkerchiefs	Mufflers		Comfortable
Mufflers	65c to \$1.38		Felt Slippers.
Umbrella	House Slippers		
	65c to \$1.75		<b>FOR BABY</b>
	Shirts		Baby Caps
	from 50c up		Baby Coats
	Fancy Hose		Baby Dresses
	all prices		Baby Mittens
	Suspenders		Baby Sacques

With this month we are closing a very successful year, and we want to thank the good people of Grants Pass and Josephine County for their very liberal patronage accorded us, and we assure you that it will always be the aim of the Golden Rule Store to deal the fairest treatment, give the very best bargains that the cold cash and experience can buy.



**GOLDEN RULE STORE**

Special Holiday Bargains

From All Over the Store.

10 Pieces of those soft fleece Kimona Cloths worth 20c per yard, special at per yard.....12 1/2c.

50 Pieces of those Wrapper Patterns in Flanellettes, some 36 inches wide worth up to 15c per yard, special to Clean up per yard.....10c

20 Dozen Ladies Vests and Pants, either Gray or Ecru, good Heavy Fleece worth and sold all over the country at 35 to 40c per grament, special for the Holidays, per grament.....25c

10 Dozen Ladies Union Suits, per suit.....50c

Lots of Remnants from the Seasons Selling of which we only have small lots, we want to clean them them up before stock taking time, we don't want to have to invoice them, some of the lots are small and won't last many days at the Price we will clean up at.