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## The Store of the Christmas Spirit

Here in our store we have gathered together the crystallized hopes cherished by our own dear friends and loved ones. The secret deep desires they have hidden in their hearts, unspoken for years, wait here for the love-enriched touch of your

### Christmas Giving

Here your Christmas shopping will be a delight and a pleasure—the music, the merry voices and smiling faces, the "Glad Service" of our clerks, willing and glad to serve you—the glow of the bright lights—the profusion of holly and Christmas decorations—make this truly

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## WILL MAIL OUT QUESTIONNAIRES

The mailing out of the questions to be answered by those registered for selective draft will begin tomorrow, Saturday, December 15th. On consecutive days thereafter, 5 per cent of the blanks will be mailed until the 2300 or more registrants in Umatilla county will have received the questions. These questions must be answered and filed with the Central Board, Frank Davis secretary, at Pendleton, within seven days after the questions have been mailed to the registrant, and the registrant is held wholly responsible for the receipt of the questions and the answering of them within the seven days' time limit.

The exacting of this obligation on the part of the registrant has been greatly simplified by the method employed in mailing to him the list of questions. On December 15th, the questions will be mailed to the men whose names appear in the first 100 on the draft list, Sundays and holidays are excluded as mailing days, so the second 5 per cent of the question blanks will be mailed to the men in the second 100 on the draft list, and so on, consecutively until the draft list in the county has been completed. Thus, all the registrant has to do is to remember his draft number, and by it he will know on what day his question blank will be mailed to him.

To make it easy for him to understand the questions he must answer, or any other provision he may not be familiar with, all attorneys are patriotically giving their services free of any charge whatever, and are on the advisory boards and committees for the purpose of answering all questions and otherwise assisting the men in filling out the blanks. The Athena advisory board comprises Attorney Homer I. Watts and F. S. LeGrow, either of whom will gladly advise registrants.

## ATHENA RED CROSS CRUSADE STARTS MONDAY

Athena's crusade for new membership to the Red Cross Society will start Monday morning of next week under the direction of Mrs. Mattie Hill, chairman of the local Red Cross auxiliary and W. S. Gleiser, campaign manager. A thorough canvass will be made of Athena and vicinity and every man and woman in this community will be a Red Cross member, for all you need to become a member is "a heart and a dollar."

In the National Christmas Membership drive for the Red Cross, 340,000 are required from Oregon, and Athena is expected to do her share, as she has heretofore done in all other patriotic demands made upon her.

Red Cross Service Flags will be issued with each one-dollar membership, and they should be hung in every Athena business house and home where there is a member. Behind every one of these flags on Christmas a candle should burn, giving a patriotic effect to your home, and to your neighbor's home.

### War Savings Stamps.

Little "Bill" Parker was the first person in Athena to invest in a Government war saving stamp. He stepped up to the window in the postoffice and gave Postmaster Henry \$4.13 for a stamp which will bring him \$5.00 at maturity in 1933. These stamps will be on sale in Athena at the postoffice and at the First National Bank. Persons may buy the \$5 stamps outright or may obtain a "thrift card" which is furnished all purchasers of 25-cent stamps. This card has spaces for 16 stamps and when all the spaces have been filled, the thrift card may be exchanged for a \$5 stamp. This process of investment is advanced by the Government to accommodate children and persons of little means to invest their savings in the cause of the nation in the world war, and are known as "Baby Bonds."

### North Winds Blow Cold.

One of the Oregon boys writing from Camp Mills says: "This is the poorest camp we have struck yet. There are no conveniences of any description and the ground is low and damp. There are no hills to protect the tents from the wind, consequently we are struck by the north winds. Our tents have neither floors nor side walls. There are quite a few boys sick with bad colds. Roland Thomas and Harry Keller have been confined to their quarters on account of a gripe."

### Flood of Naval Recruits.

During the past ten days, 21 men have enlisted for service in the Navy at the Pendleton recruiting station. The fact that tomorrow at noon is the latest date that men of draft age in the next current draft quota can enlist, has caused the number of applicants for naval service to largely increase of late. Of the 21 men who have just enlisted, Lowell Hyatt, Glenn Morrison, Len-enlisted, Rufford Price and Will Gould, all of Weston, are included.

### Farmers' Meeting.

A Farmers' Meeting will be held at the Athena opera house next Wednesday at 1:30 p. m., to consider the building of grain elevators. All farmers are requested to attend the meeting.

## WHEN YOU HAVE FISH.

How to Test and Prepare It and How It Should Be Served.

All fish must, of course, be strictly fresh. If it is easily pulled from the bones it is a sure sign the fish is stale. The brightness of the eye is another test of freshness and one that cannot be remedied artificially. For this reason a purchaser should be suspicious of any fish from which the eyes have been removed or fish offered for sale without the head. The skin should be smooth and unwrinkled and the color fresh and clear. Dip in scalding water for a few seconds to remove the scales or skin.

Always soak salt fish in salt water instead of fresh water. The strong taste usually so difficult to destroy will be entirely removed and the fish will be more palatable than when soaked in fresh water. Fish contain the same kind of nutrients as other food materials. When accompanied by bread and butter, potatoes, green vegetables and fruit, they provide a diet that will supply all the demands of the body. All sorts of fish may be boiled, steamed, baked, broiled, fried, stuffed, scalloped, served in cream, made into minkies, croquettes, salads, served hot or cold in jelly, potted and pickled. At a conventional dinner fish follows the soup and may be served with potatoes and cucumber or lettuce salad. At a home dinner it takes the place of meat. Do not serve a sweet or heavy dessert at the close of a fish dinner, as the combination is not good. Coffee may be served, but tea is to be avoided after fish.—Washington Star.

## NOT A RIVAL OF THE SUN.

This Shows How Puny Is the World's Biggest Artificial Light.

Perhaps the biggest artificial light in the world is the 50,000,000 candle power light installed at the falls of Niagara. When this gigantic installation was made it was claimed to be the nearest approach to real sunshine ever devised by man, and that may be true. But it is interesting to ascertain, if possible, how much it fell short of the actual output of light by our great luminary, and, strangely enough, there are figures in existence which enable a comparison to be made. Yet it may be stated at once that these figures are so stupendous as to leave the human mind absolutely "in the dark."

Professor Young made a calculation some years ago, based upon careful and repeated experiments, of the total quantity of sunlight given out by our sun, and he found it to be a quantity represented by candles running to twenty-eight figures, candle power being the official unit. How many lights equal to the Niagara installation would it require to match Dame Nature's big installation which appears above the horizon so regularly day by day? More big figures! It would require 31,500,000,000,000,000 lights just as powerful as the biggest man has accomplished "on his own." So even Uncle Sam will have to try again. The Niagara illumination is "summa" light, but our Sol is equal to three and one-half quintillions of them!—Pearson's Weekly.

### Watson and Ireland.

Sir William Watson has earned the right to be termed Ireland's poetical champion, although he was born in Yorkshire and is of Yorkshire ancestry on both sides. Home rulers say that there is no more terse description of the position of Erin than that contained in the famous lines of his "Ode on the Day of the Coronation of King Edward VII.":

... The lovely and the lonely bride Whom we have wedded but have never seen.

His first volume of poems was published at his father's expense. Ten years later not twenty copies had been sold. Six years after the publication of his second volume he had gained no success. Today he is regarded as our greatest living poet.—London Standard.

### An Historic Battle.

The great battle of Crecy was fought on Aug. 24, in 1344. It was here that Edward the Black Prince gained honor. The blind king of the Bohemians was slain and the ornaments on his sword were adopted as the coat of arms of the princes of Wales, the coat of arms being three ostrich feathers with the words "Ich Dien." It was at this battle also that cannon were used for the first time in history.

### He Liked Candor.

"Ladies and Gentlemen—It has never been my lot to face a more empty headed, silly looking bunch of people, and I hope I will never be booked for this town again. It is not a pleasure to be here, and 50 per cent of you won't be able to understand what I am talking about. We shall now proceed with the lecture. My subject is, 'Truth—Candor—Know Thyself.'"—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### Some Men Are Brutes.

"Ah," sighed Mrs. Jenkins, "we're never sure of anything in this world."  
 "Yes we are," replied her husband. "Whenever you are quiet for half a minute I am sure that you'll say something soon or bust, and I've never missed it yet."—Boston Transcript.

### Nar For Anything Else.

"That messenger boy could never make a political success."  
 "Why not?"  
 "Because he never could be induced to run for office."—Baltimore American.

### The Leading River.

You may not have heard much of the Az, but it is the world's leading river. You know to what kind of list—New York Tribune.

## VOLLMER AIDS IN TAKING SPY

A Walla Walla special to the Portland Oregonian Monday says that Gustave Vollmer, ex-State Senator and wealthy farmer of Walla Walla county, against whom the citizens of Waitsburg recently made charges of disloyalty, vindicated himself when he assisted United States Immigration Inspector Paris in obtaining sufficient evidence to arrest Virgel von Finch, who is now in jail charged with violating the Federal espionage act.

Finch, who has been employed by a leading furniture store in Walla Walla the past month and who said he came from Oklahoma, where he had trouble "because of his German sympathies," and who is said to be an ex-convict from the Washington State Penitentiary, wrote Vollmer a letter asking for a meeting and Vollmer turned it over to the Federal authorities there. The meeting was arranged in a hotel and officers listened to what Finch said, later arrested him and searching his apartments but found nothing. While in the room Finch said he had some secrets to tell Mr. Vollmer, but would have to wait until he was better acquainted with him.

### Gribble—Wright.

Mr. Ralph E. Gribble, teacher in the 7th and 8th grades of the Athena public schools, and Miss Lucille Wright of Audubon, Iowa, were united in marriage Friday evening, December 7th, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Pendleton, by Rev. E. Gornall. The wedding ceremony took place in the presence of a few invited friends and the newly wedded pair came to Athena, Saturday, where they received the congratulations of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Gribble are at home in the DePeatt cottage on Adams street. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wright of Audubon, Mr. Wright being a prominent hardware merchant of that city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gribble are graduates of the State Normal school of Chico, California, where they first met. Mrs. Gribble has lately been teaching in Iowa.

### Reception for Teachers.

Last evening in the hall of the school house, the seventh and eighth grades gave a reception in honor of their teacher, Mr. Ralph Gribble, and his bride. A program was given, including a quartet, sung by Homan Geissel, Richard Cartson, Willard Parker and Jeanette Miller. After the program Willard Parker and Lee Banister presented Mr. and Mrs. Gribble with a present from the classes, and games and refreshments were enjoyed.

## THE SENSATION OF PAIN.

It Is Felt in the Head and Not Where It Seems to Be.

Where do you feel the pain? asks the doctor. In my finger, in my ear, in my foot, the sufferer replies, and if the physician told him he did not feel it there, but in his head, the average man would doubt the doctor's sanity. Yet the doctor would be right.

In an address at the University of California Professor G. H. Parker of Harvard told the students that we have been obliged to give up the idea that sensations are spread throughout our bodies, for persons who have lost a limb often feel sensations that seem to come from the missing member. "Our sensations," said Professor Parker, "are not located in the peripheral parts affected, but in the central nervous system, and within that portion of it known as the cerebral cortex. This is the outer layer or gray matter of the brain. One may lose an arm, yet have the sensation of pain in the hand, but if a small piece of that particular part of the brain to which run the sensory nerves from the arm be removed, one will never again feel anything in that arm not even if the hand be placed in the fire.

### Making Shrapnel.

Were the average layman able to grasp the staggering complexities of chemical and mechanical details involved in the making of a shrapnel shell he would be amazed. For instance, 170 gauges are required to manufacture the combinations time and percussion fuse for three-quarter inch shrapnel. The powder used must have the correct burning time or the explosion will occur too soon or too late. It is impossible to obtain two powders with the same burning time; hence the burning time has to be determined on each lot of powder. This formerly required one and one-half hours; now it takes five minutes. Likewise the time consumed in blending powders has been reduced from sixteen hours to fifteen minutes.—Popular Science Monthly.

### Song of the Brown Thrasher.

When the brown thrasher starts to sing one might just as well listen, as it will be heard, and every other bird might just as well keep still, as nothing else can be heard. He dominates the entire vicinity. He is on the stage in the middle of the spotlight. His performance is dramatic. It is comic opera at its best. The brown thrasher is more commonly known, probably, as the brown thrush or sometimes as the cinnamon thrush, but as the bird does not belong to the thrush family he should be given his proper name. He is a cousin of the catbird and the mockingbird.—Ohio State Journal.

Everything we endure patiently is a key to something beautiful we could never enter otherwise.

## PRESSERY SINGED BY FIRE TODAY

As a result of fire caused by the explosion of a can of gasoline, Jacob Booher's cleaning and pressing establishment was badly damaged at 10:30 a. m. today.

The interior of the building and contents were practically destroyed by flames and water. Just what the loss is, Mr. Booher is not able to estimate at present, though some insurance is carried. The fire originated when a can of gasoline, which Mr. Booher had just brought into the room, exploded, presumably from heat from the stove. At the time of the explosion he had gone out of the room to secure another can in which to pour a part of the gasoline. Had he been in the room, he doubtless would have been seriously injured by the explosion.

A stream of water was soon on the fire, and the building, was saved, so that it can be repaired.

## COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

Sunday afternoon in the Baptist church, a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing the church people of the city in a general effort for gathering funds for the relief of suffering Armenian and Assyrian peoples in Asia.

W. S. Pritchard, field worker for the American Committee for the Relief of the Armenian and Assyrian Peoples in Asia, met the local committee and gave them information and specific directions how to proceed in the matter of gaining the funds. Permanent organization of the committee was effected by electing the following officers: President, Rev. D. E. Baker; secretary, Rev. W. S. Gleiser; treasurer, B. B. Richards. The following members were named as the publicity committee: W. S. Gleiser, J. O. Russell and D. Errett.

The full committee comprises the following: D. E. Baker, W. S. Gleiser, B. B. Richards, J. O. Russell, D. Errett, Jos. Clemmons, Mrs. M. L. Watts, Mrs. J. O. Russell, Mrs. W. S. Gleiser, Mrs. H. H. Hill, Mrs. Cass Cannon, C. T. Smith, H. McIntyre, and Mayor H. L. Watters.

J. P. Bragg of Spokane addressed the citizens at a mass meeting in the school auditorium on the subject Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard English, of Weston Mountain, neighborhood, were in the city yesterday.

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