

Only 5 More Days Till Xmas

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Ready
—Are You!

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BATH ROBES,
SILK WAISTS
SILK KIMONOS
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Prompt service and courteous
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Black and Navy Serge and Nov-
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ALL WOOL AMERICAN POPLIN AND MANNISH SERGE
SKIRTS over 20 of the latest styles to choose from, and priced
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FREE

With every purchase of a skirt selling at \$5.00 or more we will give
away FREE a regular \$1.50 SHIRTWAIST. We have about six
dozen Fall waists left and will give them all away.

J. H. BIKMAN CO.

TAILORS

139 West First Street

Albany, Oregon

BUSINESS GAINS IN WHOLESOME CHARACTERISTICS

So Declares the Dun, Author-
ity on Commercial
Conditions.

Continuing remarkably active and profitable, business has gained in wholesome characteristics through the lessening of excitement in some of its leading branches. The situation is now more settled in iron and in dry goods, as in certain other lines where feverish conditions have existed, while decidedly higher money rates and calls for increased margins have had a restraining influence on speculation in stocks and commodities. The retail situation is more evident than at any period of the present era of prosperity, and, with the growing conservatism in producing and distributing channels constitutes a favorably augury for the future. The momentum of the upward price movement also has slackened, on the whole though in quarters where needs are particularly urgent and the paucity of supplies increases the element of cost remains of secondary consideration with many buyers. As measured by Dun's Index Number, the general level of wholesale quotations is nearly 40 per cent higher than before the war, and there is no definite sign even now that the markets have reached the top. With prices at an extreme position, it is remarkable that demands are sustained in such great volume, and, though the advanced living costs are a source of complaint, wage increases and special distributions have enhanced the purchasing ability of many consumers. That

WILL FIGHT

Legislative Fight Over Enforcement
of Nebraska's Dry Amendment.

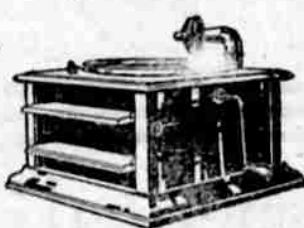
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—With the convening of the Nebraska legislature's 35th session here January 2, interest will center on the wet and dry line-up and the legislative battle for laws to make effective the dry amendment passed by almost 30,000 majority at the recent election.

The wets, realizing that prohibition would carry, centered their fight toward the best on winning enough members of the legislature to block, if possible, passage of laws aimed to make prohibition effective.

The dries have a slight majority in the house. In the senate the majority of the members are personally wet, but of the 33 members, six are known as "law-enforcements." These are men who before election admitted that they personally were not in favor of prohibition but would be governed as legislators by the verdict of the people on the prohibition amendment. These "law-enforcements" combined with the dries outnumber the out-and-out wets in the senate.

Christmas trade will attain unprecedented dimensions is the general expectation and the agitation for early shopping is meeting with response in many sections, the preference shown for the more costly grades of merchandise being a conspicuous feature. All the traditional barometers which measure the rise and fall of business naturally point strongly upward; during November, bank clearings at leading centers outside New York were 33.0 per cent larger than last year, when the country was also prosperous, and gross earnings of railroads making weekly reports showed a gain of 8.2 per cent in comparison with the then record revenues in 1915.

A Columbia Grafanola
The gift the whole family can enjoy



**THIS
GRAFANOLA**
and 10 records of your
own selection for only
\$32.50

Easy Terms if Desired

Woodworth Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Neal, of La Grande, who have been visiting relatives here for the past month, are in Salem, the guests of Mrs. Neal's sister, Mrs. Chas. Knowland.

The Children's Xmas Gift

nine out of every ten studies you are to-day teaching your children, they will never use in after life. The knowledge of how to accumulate money you are not teaching them. Yet without that knowledge they cannot succeed in life.

Give each child this Christmas a Bank Book—\$1.00—\$5.00—\$10.00—any sum you choose. It's the only kind of education which costs money where they get the education and still keep the money.

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4 per cent Paid on Savings Accounts

CHRISTMAS IN CALIFORNIA



Large Bell
at San Gabriel Mission
Consult agents Oregon Electric, Oregon Trunk, or The North Bank Road.

Go the New Way

The North Bank

Rail and Ocean Route

Low Fares for Holidays

\$26.70 Round Trip

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from Portland, Eugene,

Corvallis, Albany,

Salem and all points

on Oregon Electric and

also, on North Bank

Road west to Seaside.

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Albany, Ore.

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Christmas Joys

It's easy to be happy at Christmas time; most of us are. It's easy for men to be well dressed at Christmas or any other time, if they come to us for

Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

But we have lots of other things for Christmas giving to men. If you have occasion to give gifts to a man—any man, young or old, or between—just remember that this store is full of things that men want; things they'll buy for themselves if they don't get them for Christmas.

You'll be able to select here suitable gifts for men or boys from 25 cents up as high as you care to go; up to a Hart Schaffner & Marx suit or overcoat.

The Toggery

The home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes

MERCHANTS TO MEET

February 19 to 24 will be merchants week in Portland. During the first three days will be held the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association which, aside from snappy business meetings and competitive talks on business by merchants and lady visitors, will include original entertainments, sight seeing tours, theater parties, etc., to be provided by the

Convention Entertainment Committee.

Reduced rates of a fare and one-third have been named on all railroad lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and elaborate plans have been made for a meeting of the merchants of Washington and Idaho on Feb. 22, 23, 24. During these three days style shows, stock keeping and window decorating exhibits, pure food

shows, etc., will be staged for the benefit of the visitors.

Nothing is more pleasing to the man who smokes than a box of cigars. "Hand Made" and "Albany Specials" are best. At the best stores. D16ti

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Shop Early and in Comfort—Don't wait until the last minute—call today. There will be no time more favorable than this for the selection of your Christmas gifts. Our stocks are now complete. You can look them over quietly at your leisure, with no crowding, and without feeling that you are keeping others waiting when you do so. F. M. French & Son, Jewelers and Engravers. D1346 W15-19

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CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

That are sensible, practical and of the kind that are wholly appreciated. You'll find numerous things at this store that both husband and wife, son and daughter will like. And they'll thank you for your good taste in selection.

LOOK OVER THESE FOR IDEAS:

A MONARCH MALLEABLE
RANGE FOR MOTHER.
ALUMINUM WEAR, CARVING
SETS, WAFFLE IRONS, ELECTRIC PERCOLATORS, CHAFING
DISHES, IRON, ETC.
COMMUNITY SILVER

For the Children
SKATES—ROLLER OR ICE
SKATES.
TOOL BOXES
FOOTBALLS
SPEEDER WAGONS
A KNIFE, AIR GUN, AND OTHER
TOYS.

Firearms

REMINGTON, WINCHESTER
AND MARLIN RIFLES AND
SHOT GUNS.
CASES, CLEANING SETS, ETC.
FISHING TACKLE

For Father

A KEEN KUTTER SAW, AXE,
OR SOME PART OF A SET.
A RAZOR—STRAIGHT EDGE
OR SAFETY; RAZOR STROP,
POCKET KNIFE, THERMOM-
ETER, COMPASS, ETC.

FIREPLACE SETS
FIREPLACE SCREENS
UNIVERSAL LUNCH BOX—
KEEPS THE COFFEE HOT.

AND COUNTLESS OTHER THINGS WE MIGHT SUGGEST

For a Sensible Present Go to

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"THE HARDWARE MEN"

Third and Lyon St.

Albany, Ore.