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I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all.

REHABILITATION OF OUR WOUNDED

The United States Government is resolved to do its best to restore every wounded American soldier and sailor to health, strength, and self-supporting activity.

Until his discharge from the hospital all the medical and surgical treatment necessary to restore him to health is under the jurisdiction of the military or naval authorities, according to the branch of the service he is in. The vocational training, the reeducation and rehabilitation necessary to restore him to self-supporting activity, is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

If he needs an artificial limb or mechanical appliance the Government will supply it free, will keep it in repair, and renew it when necessary. If after his discharge he again needs medical treatment on account of his disability the Government will supply it free. While he is in the hospital and while in training afterwards the soldier or sailor will receive compensation as if in service and his family or dependents will receive their allotment.

A wounded soldier or sailor, although his disability does not prevent him from returning to employment without training, can take a course of vocational training free of cost and the compensation provided by the war-risk insurance act will be paid to him and the training will be free, but no allotment will be paid to the family.

LOOK INTO THE BERRY BUSINESS

The Pheasant Northwest Products Co. of Salem have sent out an appeal to "Greater Willamette Valley Boosters" to aid in extending the berry business as the basis of greater community prosperity. With the decline of the hop industry, the development of berry culture comes at a most opportune time. A practically world wide market has been established during the last two years for Willamette Valley fruit products, and the supply of berries is far below the demand. Growers may now make term contracts with responsible companies at prices that will yield handsome profits. The development and extension of this industry means greater individual and community prosperity.

The berry industry—the culture of loganberries, raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries, and blackberries—promises more today than any other line of agriculture in this section. Local farmers should look into the business thoroughly. Investigation costs nothing and may lead them into an industry that will bring big returns. A meeting will be held here soon after the first of the year to go deeper into the matter.

FORSEEN

W. L. White of Aurora hands the Observer a paper, the "Hearth and Home", printed in Maine 30 years ago, in which there appears a paragraph which says:

"The young Emperor of Germany speaks of 'my army', 'my navy', 'my people' 'my Empire'. He has not yet said anything about 'my earth', but it may not be long before he wants it. It will be considerably longer before he gets it!"

The writer of that paragraph was endowed with remarkable visions of the future, or with inexorable logic and deductive powers. At all events, he "called the turn" upon the actions and ambitions of the man destined (30 years later) to become the most detested ruler and arch criminals of the ages.

What are we to think of the person who refuses to answer the Red Cross Christmas Roll? While there are some adults who are not able to take out membership, the great mass of Oregonians ARE ABLE, so far as money is concerned, to become members. For those not financially able, there must be no criticism. But—but what's the use? We all know that only the tightwad and the pro-Hun knock the Red Cross!

As long as there are Americans under arms, as long as there is misery and distress, the work of the Red Cross must go on. Millions of American boys are still under arms. Thousands of them are sick and wounded. Christmas will come and be gone twice before our soldiers are all back in America. Until the last one arrives, the protecting arms of the Red Cross will be about them and their families.

CHRISTMAS THEN AND NOW

In the Old Days Gifts Were Tokens of Love, in Keeping With the Day Celebrated.

What a vast difference there is in the Christmas of today, from the Christmas of our forefathers. In those days there was not the hurry scurry shopping, and costly, somewhat useless gifts given with the thought that the receiver might give a finer one in return. The gifts given in those days were gifts of love, wholly in keeping with the day celebrated, says a correspondent in an exchange.

For many weeks and months did mother spin, color and wind the yarn, and knit on wooden needles or a bone hook the warm neck scarf or mittens for her loved one, every stitch bearing a message of love. And then as the time drew near how savory the kitchen smelled every time one entered, but, of course, nothing was visible for mother or aunt or grandmother had safely hidden away the tender gingerbread and spice cakes, and the brittle molasses taffy, plates of butterscotch and other candy rich in nut meats.

What happy times when the stockings of all sizes, and almost all colors, were hung on the mantel shelf above the wide fireplace, where old Santa had no trouble at all to come down and deposit the numerous things from his pack in the dangling stockings.

Everyone was remembered with some sort of a gift, none were forgotten, and I feel sure the home-made goodies were devoured with as much relish and with less after effects, as the store goodies of today. There were no coal tar dyes in the Christmas candy grandmother made.

Then when the team was hooked to the farm sled, with the farm wagon bed on it partly filled with straw and bed covers, what a fine ride to church over the shining snow, to hear a real Scripture sermon about the birth of our Savior, on earth peace, good will to men.

The night that erst no name had worn,
To it a happy name is given,
For in that stable lay, newborn,
The peaceful prince of earth and heaven.
—Alfred Dommett.

Co! Christmas Comes Again

Come, glory night! Come, spirit light!
Come, joy, thy sweet bells ringing!
Behold! His star is shining bright;
The angel choir is singing.

But near—too near, the cannon's roar,
The shield and saber's rattle;
The Christmas anthems sound no more,
Across—the field of battle.

Oh, Christmas spirit! Calm our fears,
Close down in pity stooping,
Alas! Thine eyes are filled with tears,
Thy radiant wings are drooping.

The happy bells, the joyous bells
That set the echoes rolling
Through silent streets and frosty dells,
Are slowly, sadly tolling.

Come, glory night! Come, spirit light!
Come, joy, thy mute bells ringing!
Through clouds the star is shining bright;
Far off the choir is singing.
—Clara E. Putnam, in Oklahoma Farmer.

ANIMALS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Birds and Beasts Share in the Christmas Cheer in the Scandinavian Countries.

The Christmas customs in Norway and Sweden are the most interesting of any country. It is a time of great rejoicing. To show that there are amicable feelings between every one in the household the shoes are placed in a row at night in the hall when retiring on Christmas eve, and, like the German custom, candles are left burning in the village windows all night to light the way for "Kristine," who brings the gifts. The Christmas tree is largely decorated with candles and pretty cakes arranged in bright-colored baskets—all usually homemade.

The richer households send good things to the poor, and everywhere among both rich and poor are the animals and birds remembered. The boys and girls save up their pennies during the year for this purpose. Sheaves of grain are fastened to the window ledges in town, and in the country the sheaves are fastened to long poles and renewed every day for a week, and many are the birds that spy this feast. On the barn floors of the peasants bowls of hot porridge are set for poor "Robin Goodfellow" to comfort him because he has no "soul." The cows and the horses share in the general happiness by having a double share of food given them.

Be Joyful.
Radiate as much of the Christmas spirit as possible.



GOOD NURSERY STOCK CHEAP

Any one intending to plant trees in their family orchard should ask us for prices on nursery stock. We have a small quantity due us from a good nursery which must be secured before Dec. 15 or it reverts to the nursery company. Hence we must dispose of it at once. It consists of the following:

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Pears, Bartlett, Anjou, Winter Nellies, Bosc, Fall Butter, Flemish Beauty, Idaho, and Comice.
Plums, Peach Plum, Reine Claude, Satsuma, Petite Prune, Silver Prune, and a few others. No Italian Prunes.
Peaches, Early Crawford, Elberta, Hales, Fitzgerald, Charlotte, Salway, Lovell.
Cherries, Gov. Wood, Kentish, Black Republican, Lambert, Binx Loyal Ann, May Duke, Etc.

English Walnut, Franquette and Mayette Seedlings 4 to 6 feet.
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We can secure almost any other stock or varieties, but not at the low prices at which we can sell the above.

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There is not much variation in these stories of men's achievements. The poor boy who works earnestly and saves as much as possible for future investment generally is the person who commands men and directs great enterprises in after years.

Now is the time for you to build for the future. Begin by depositing a part of your salary with us this week. Get the saving habit. It will help you later.

Multiply your money in our care.

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SHORT	8.50 to 7.50	7.00 to 6.00	5.75 to 5.25	5.00 to 4.50	4.00 to 2.00	1.50 to .75	
NARROW	7.00 to 6.00	5.50 to 4.75	4.50 to 4.00	3.75 to 3.25	3.00 to 1.50	1.00 to .50	
BROAD	4.00 to 3.00	2.75 to 2.25	2.00 to 1.80	1.60 to 1.40	1.25 to .75	.50 to .25	
Liberal Assortment	NO. 1 EXTRA LARGE EXTRA TO AVERAGE	NO. 1 LARGE EXTRA TO AVERAGE	NO. 1 MEDIUM EXTRA TO AVERAGE	NO. 1 SMALL EXTRA TO AVERAGE	NO. 2 AS TO SIZE & QUALITY	NO. 3 AS TO SIZE & QUALITY	FLAT, HAIRY AND DAMAGED AT HIGHEST MARKET VALUE
COYOTE	28.00 to 23.00	20.00 to 18.00	16.00 to 14.00	12.00 to 10.00	12.00 to 8.00	3.00 to 2.00	
HEAVY FURRED, CASED OPEN AND HEADLESS	22.00 to 18.00	18.00 to 14.00	12.00 to 10.00	9.00 to 7.00	8.00 to 5.00	2.00 to 1.50	
MUSKRAT							
WINTER	2.75 to 2.25	2.10 to 1.85	1.70 to 1.50	1.30 to 1.10	1.25 to .90	.50 to .40	SHOT DAMAGED AND KITTES AT HIGHEST MARKET VALUE
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