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### Editorial Program

- I. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon.
- II. Develop a Strong Trading Point; Build a City of Contented Homes.
- III. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets.
- IV. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

### A PUBLIC MARKET

The move of the Farmers' Union to start a public market in Springfield is a commendable one and will meet the approval of business men as well as the townspeople. Contrary to general belief the public market is not in competition with

th grocery store and most grocers are glad to see a public market conducted in a town. Due to the perishable products handled few grocers make much profit on their vegetable and fruit business and would nearly as soon be relieved of it. Where public markets have been conducted the grocers have found that the farmer sells his products for cash and then spends his money for the necessities at the grocery store. A public market provides a service to the consumer, affords an outlet for the farmers' surplus fruit and vegetables and in general is a good thing for any community. Let's have a public market in Springfield.

Now is the time to acquire a site for a new grade school building. Plans ought to be soundly laid for future growth. It is evident that Springfield is going to grow. At the present time her school buildings are crowded and relief is needed. A site will never be any cheaper in Springfield and as the city grows a desirable location will be harder to get.

The Christmas shopping rush is on. Storekeepers report that people are buying earlier than ever. Apparently the country is more prosperous this year than for several seasons.

Too many of the presidential possibilities are impossibilities.

The United States has 14,000,000 autos. Some are all paid for too.

Only a few days left to do your Christmas shopping early.

The burning question of the hour is "Who will get up and start the fire?"

A man fell for a Seattle girl. He flirted with her and she knocked him down with her fists.

They call her a grass widow because she refused to live with a hayseed.

### Editorial Comment

The bill for law making now amounts to something more than four billion dollars a year.

New laws, 179,908 of them, have been proposed in Congress during the last 16 years. During this time 132,000 new laws have been enacted by Congress and the state legislatures. And Congress and the lesser law-making mills are soon to resume work. As indicating possible output one state legislature, last year considered 2,400 new laws.

We are the greatest law-creating nation in the world, and at the present time, perhaps, are the least law-abiding. The one fact may in a measure be the reason for the other.

As a further consequence, every tenth person in the United States, we are told, holds some kind of a federal, state, county or local job.

Largely on account of the multiplicity of laws and the efforts to enforce them, we are taxed four billion dollars a year to pay the salaries of public officials.

Which should indicate to us that the more expensive of the two processes is the enforcing, not the making of laws.

Better enforcement of the laws we have and far fewer new laws, is another and most potent way to save the taxpayer's money and to enjoy more efficient government.—Capper's Weekly.

### WHY GO HOME AT ALL?

An Oregon inventor has patented an oven whereby auto tourists may use the heat of their engines to cook their meals. The oven fits over the exhaust manifold which supplies the heat, and the food may be cooked while

car is in motion, as the pots and pans have lids that lock. By and by it may not be necessary to go home at all.—Junction City Times.

### JOBBS FOR VETERANS

An appeal is broadcast by Director Hines, of the veterans bureau, for jobs for rehabilitated former soldiers. Those rehabilitated men have served the nation's cause and served it to their own loss, and the least that the nation can do is to give them employment for which they have been trained and equipped. They are ready to "carry on." They are still soldiers. They are fighting the battles of life. They have qualified for a life of continuing service and for self-support. The government has helped them so far, but it is not prepared to go further. It has brought about their rehabilitation, and it is for those who have jobs to dispense to take up the obligation at the point where the government leaves off. Employment should be forthcoming for every veteran who has been qualified.—Washington Post.

The allies would have agreed long ago if each hadn't a greed.—Washington Post.

A slogan for 1924: Get the axe for Old Man Tax.—Providence Journal.

Peace has taken French leave of Central Europe.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

SOME HATS that have gone into the ring should have been checked.—Cleveland Times.

### SEVENTEEN MILLION CARS IN 1924!

By January 1 the world will have in operation 17,000,000 automobiles, passenger cars and trucks, according to an estimate by H. M. Hoepfl, chief of the automotive division of the Department of Commerce. Of that total, 14,000,000 will run in the United States, about one to every eight persons, whereas in the rest of the world the proportion will be about 1 to 112 persons. The number of cars in operation is expected to show on January 1, 1924, an increase of 17 per cent over January 1, 1923.

# The Letter to Santa Claus



**M**y mamma said for me to write  
To dear old Santa Claus tonight;  
So I have told him, best I could,  
That I have been so very good—  
And as he's sure to come our way,  
A call on me I know he'll pay;  
I'd like a doll, a cart and horn,  
And all the joys of Christmas morn.

—Avery J. Wells

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| Diaries for 1924, 80c to \$1.20  | Toys for the Children   | Toilet Waters.....75c, \$1.00, \$1.50   |
| Bibles.....\$1.65 to \$5.75  | Greeting Cards  | Perfume.....40c to \$2.50   |
| Stationery, a splendid assortment of gift packages, 40c to \$3.00                  | Christmas Tree Decorations  | Cara Nome Double Compact Silver Cases.....\$2.00  |
| Eversharp Pencils, 60c to \$3.50   | Pyralin Ivory   | Three Flowers Double Compact.....\$1.50   |
| Dow Pencils.....50c  | Electric Perfume Vaporizer Light.....\$10.00                              | Jonteel Utility set in leather case. Has compact powder and rouge, lip stick and eye brow pencil.....\$3.00 |
| Conklin Fountain Pens.....\$2.75 to \$5.25   | Mary Garden Toilet Set—Toilet Water, Compact, Talc.....\$3.75             | Billfolds.....75c to \$3.00   |
| Conklin Midget Sets of Gold Pen and Pencil, only 3 1/2 inches in length.....\$8.50 | Bouquet Ramee Toilet Set—Powder, Perfume, Toilet Water, Talcum.....\$6.00 | Everready Flashlights.....\$1.35, \$2.00, \$2.75  |
|  | Jonteel Toilet Set.....\$7.50   | Shaving Mirrors, 40c to \$5.00  |
|  | Cutex Sets.....60c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$3.00                                |   |

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