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Dress and Work Shoes, Overshoes and Rubbers
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SAM HUGHES CO.
HEPPNER, OREGON

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C. D. WATKINS, Proprietor

Having recently purchased this market I beg to submit the following price list which will remain in force as long as the live stock market remains steady:

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PEOPLE'S CASH MARKET
HEPPNER, OREGON

FARMERS' EXCHANGE OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

Has arranged to hold a regular series of sales of Live Stock, Farm Machinery etc., as conditions warrant and property for sale is offered at the Fair Grounds in Heppner.

The great success of our recent sales warrant this course. If you have property for sale consult us. We will give you strictly first-class service.

**Farmers' Exchange of the Inland
Empire**

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Now open for business in our New Shop on
East Side Lower Main Street,

with a complete stock of the finest quality of

Beef, Pork, Mutton and Veal

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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 tuff, 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, new-
born,
The peaceful prince of
earth and heaven.
—Alfred Dommett.

Col Christmas Comes Again

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

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

Oh, Christmas spirit! Calm our fears,
Close down in play 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 ring out!
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 home-made.

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.



SCHOOL SUPT. MAKES INTERESTING REPORT

(Lena Snell Shurte, Co. Supt.)

The interest manifested by school boards, teachers, parents and people generally in Morrow county during the past two years has been most gratifying.

Progress has been the key note. Our County Court has been ever ready and willing to assist in every way.

The press more than willing to give space in their columns for the good of the schools.

As a result our 49 school districts show a marked improvement in all educational lines.

We have three standard four-year high schools, which are meeting the needs of their respective communities, one high school comprising five districts, which will standardize this year, and two four-year high schools that are working toward standardization.

Practically all the eighth grade graduates in the county are in these schools.

Seventy-five pupils finished the eighth grade this year and were granted diplomas. This is the largest number to graduate in one year from that grade since Morrow county came into existence.

In nearly every school we find attention given to health and sanitary measures.

Some of the rural schools are installing drinking fountains and paper towels.

New school houses have been built in five districts. Three others have added to their buildings. Several old buildings have been repaired, painted inside and out, and windows changed so as to meet the requirements of standardization. Window screens placed outside to protect same have been purchased as well as new furniture bought, old furniture repaired and painted, grounds cleared and leveled, pictures bought and framed, library books purchased and other things done in an effort to standardize.

Salaries paid teachers have been on the increase. This is an inducement for efficient teachers, and school boards are looking for the best.

The eight month term is meeting with approval and several districts have a nine months term.

In some districts transportation is furnished for pupils who live too far from the school to walk.

Hot lunches are being served in many of our schools and playground apparatus installed.

More club members finished their projects this year than any previous year, and parents are more interested in the work. With the assistance of the County Agricultural Agent we secured two persons in each district, one to look after the Industrial Club work the other at the head of Junior Red Cross for the summer months, so that these two

activities continued throughout the year.

Teachers, pupils and parents have co-operated loyally in all the war activities in which the schools have been asked to participate.

Much work has been done by the Junior Red Cross Auxiliaries. Credit has been given this county for making the most beautiful quilt for the Red Cross Housefurnishings in the spring of 1918 for the Northwestern Division.

It was shipped to American Red Cross House for Convalescents, Camp Fremont, Pala Alto, Cal.

A shoulder shawl made of old socks by one of the auxiliaries has found its way, first to Seattle where it was pronounced a capital example of "thrift." From there it went to Pittsburg, where it was the occasion of much comment, and finally to Washington, D. C., where it was put in the permanent exhibit as a sample of thrift work.

Two local institutes were held last year which were well attended and much interest manifested.

The Spanish "flu" stopped our annual institute, in place of which we purpose holding two or three one-day institutes during the year.

A three-day institute means the loss of a week in some districts and we feel that time must be saved in order to complete the years work.

I hope the time is not far distant when our teachers will vote for the training school to take the place of a three-day institute. I believe they will get more practical help. We would still have the lectures that we have at the institutes. And in addition the teacher could take an active part in the discussions and exchange ideas.

Owing to the scarcity of teachers some of the schools were late in opening, but work is in full force now and altogether the school affairs of Morrow county are quite promising.

We have but one parent teachers' association in the county. This is an important factor in its district, and as soon as war activities cease more will be organized.

We have divided the county into zones and hope to have a number of community meetings before the close of school.

The children's exhibit at the county fair was creditable, but more than half of it was lost in transportation to the State fair, which was a great disappointment because we felt assured of holding our place in Eastern Oregon if not capturing first prize.

DEMAND FOR TELEGRAPH OPERATORS

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VALUE IS ONLY SENTIMENTAL

Mistletoe One of Most Greatly Admired of Evergreen Plants But Is Practically Worthless.

Perhaps none of our evergreen plants is more loved and admired than the mistletoe, with its modest yellowish-green leaves and its clusters of small white berries. For centuries it has been considered an important feature of the Christmas decoration. Yet, in regard to the real value of the plant, the mistletoe is practically worthless.

It is a small shrub comprising more than four hundred known species, mostly tropical and parasitic. In the eastern and southern parts of the United States the common mistletoe grows on various species of deciduous trees. In Europe, it seems to prefer the apple-tree to any other host.

It sends its roots through the bark of the tree and draws sustenance from the sap. However, it is only a partial parasite, for it has green leaves which enable it to do some work in making food for itself.

In some species of mistletoe the flowers are showy, while those of other species are more modest. The pistils and stamens do not grow within the same flower, or eye, on the same plant, but the pistillate flowers grow on one plant and the staminate on another.

The berries contain flat seeds, surrounded by a very sticky substance, from which birdlime may be made. This birdlime is spread upon places frequented by birds, to impede their movements and render them easily captured. In a similar way it may be used to snare ground-squirrels and other small animals. This is the only practical use that has ever been made of the mistletoe.

The plant grows very slowly, and "not until it is four years old does it bear its first white, translucent berries. However, it drains the vital juices necessary to the growth of the tree, and when many bunches find lodgment upon the same tree, they ultimately cause its decline and death."
—Shining Light.

The Circle of Divine Love.

Christmas reverses creation. One gave us man in the image of God, while the other gave us God in the image of man. The two complete the circle of divine love. That the gods should come down in the likeness of man was long recognized as a universal possibility. And yet Christmas stands alone. It has no counterpart in all the recorded manifestations of deity. The story is natural when one recalls of whom it was written. That a man like Jesus should have entered the world by a special door is not strange. He was different from all others. The wine press of his life no one could tread but himself. That night belongs to no calendar. The very stars wore their brightest faces, when from before the depths of space God drew aside his curtains of richest blue. Jesus did not come alone.

How About that Contemplated BUILDING?

The Government has reduced
the ban on building. Or rather
raised the price. Instead
of a \$1,000 limit on new
buildings, you can go ahead
now if it don't cost in excess
of \$10,000.

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