

# SEASON OF PEACE

By REV. W. R. PLUMLEE.

The whole air at the first Christmas was tremulous with joy. It was a time for holy seraphic song. Let joy still come to our homes and hearts. Christ gives brightness and beauty, gladness and glory to the whole circle of life and duty. "Come, Lord Jesus, there shall be room for Thee in our homes and hearts. Once there was none in the inn, but only in the stable; now our best is Thine. Only honor us with Thy beneficent presence."

Let us away with strife at this season; now is the time to speak kindly words. Let us not carry into the new year the enmities of the old; let not the harsh notes of contention come into the heavenly song of peace.

Christ came to give peace, and from Heaven's throne today He bends to give peace to all who will trust Him; peace which is immeasurably profound and inestimably precious, described in that rich bequest of peace, John 14: 27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you." He said of Himself that "He came to seek and to save that which was lost." He had His own choice as to how He should come. It were to lift a lost race He must get under it. He came as a babe, made in the likeness of men. He glorified the cradle; beautified boyhood; He sanctified motherhood.

But Christ must be born into each heart in order that we have a true Christmas. Are we rejoicing in the gifts of human love? Shall we be unmindful of Him who is the "unspeakable gift?" Turn not the Christ of God away from the heart's inn; banish Him not to the manger. Heaven's gift is now offered without money and without price. Receive Him with glad welcome!

Kangaroos, of which there are fifty-six species, can sometimes leap as much as twenty feet.

Rats destroy every year at least a twentieth part of the sugar cane in Jamaica.

## LEADING DEALER IN FARM IMPLEMENTS

When a disastrous fire swept away more than half a dozen business houses on the morning of the 20th of last December, it took one of the leading establishments of the city—Hessel's machinery warehouses. For a short time, while the firm was adjusting its losses, it was out of business, but for a short time only.

An old wreck of a building was rented on Main street which had been damaged by the same fire, and it was filled with such new farming implements as the season of the year demanded. Business was resumed under these adverse circumstances while negotiations were pending for a re-establishment in a new building on the old site. By an agreement with Ed. Osborn the present brick store now occupied by the Hessel Farm Implement House was built, and with double the former floor space and a much larger assortment, it has regained its place as the leading implement store in Eastern Multnomah.

Among the most important details of the business is the one of silo engineering. There is no evidence of a silo in the store except the gasoline engines and feed cutters, but on more than a dozen farms the Iron-clad silo is a permanent display, advertising the house of Hessel.

A complete line of farm machinery is kept in stock and all orders are promptly filled for anything a farmer may need. Dairying supplies are a specialty, and if there is anything needed that is not found in the Gresham store, the several big implement establishments of Portland will fill the bill on Hessel's order much cheaper than it can be bought direct, for Hessel is the distributor and only authorized agent in Gresham.

Nearly ten years of straightforward dealing here has made the Hessel firm one to be relied upon for any implement that may be required.

**Cough Medicine for Children**  
Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." For sale by Gresham Drug Co.—Adv.

Land in Bond street, London, has been sold at \$175 a square foot, or more than \$7,500,000 an acre.

## SHOWS GROWTH BY CONSERVATISM

About five years ago the Bank of Gresham began its career in this city on a small scale, managed by new comers and with only strong endorsements and some ready cash to recommend it to public favor.

For awhile it was "at home" in a frame building, but as it prospered its managers and owners began to look for a new location which they finally selected and assisted in providing for themselves in the concrete Congdon hotel building, where the bank has been located for over four years, and where it has continued on its way to prosperity.

There have been several changes of management; some of the original stockholders have sold out to others but each change has been for the betterment and the bank is now in a position of security, headed by A. F. Miller with a directorate of well-known local citizens. It is sound and reliable and has ample backing. It has grown in importance, gained in resources and is one of the solid banking institutions of the county. Its watchword is conservatism, and a close compliance with the banking laws of the state.

## METZGER BROS. LEADERS IN GROCERY LINE

For more than eight years the firm of Metzger Bros., has held the lead in the grocery line, not only in Gresham but in all of Eastern Multnomah. Even before the present proprietors took over the business, the store was well established and had a good share of the trade, but with the present management it has made wonderful strides and is now so far in the lead that no other similar establishment can hope to overtake it.

In addition to the grocery lines, which are complete in every detail, the firm is owner of the feed mill and deals extensively in all kinds of grain, mill feed and hay. They also have an extensive stock of building material, including builders' hardware, paints, oils, wall paper, and a large display of crockery, glassware, aluminum and granite goods, besides many other household necessities usually found in a general merchandise stock. They have two automobiles for delivery purposes and, besides the two Metzger brothers, there are five other employees, all of whom are constantly busy receiving new goods, taking orders and delivering.



S. V.

M. P.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

In this season of Good Cheer and filled with the pleasant memories of the past year's business relations with you, we wish to thank you for the patronage with which you have kindly favored us.

Through the coming year of cares and disappointments, pleasures and victories we wish for you the best you deserve.

We will endeavor in the future as in the past to give sterling values at moderate prices.

Our brightest anticipation as we near the first mile stone of our business journey in Gresham is a reasonable assurance of your continued and increasing patronage.

Sincerely yours,

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## Gresham Millinery Store

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## God's Greatest Gift

By REV. J. C. TIBBITS.

"He (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy head, and thou (the serpent) shalt bruise his heel." Thus, according to Moses, does Jehovah God address the serpent after the temptation and fall of our first parents. Paul, in his epistle to the Galatians tells us that, "When the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his son, born of a woman, born under the law, that he might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." The Mosaic prophecy was fulfilled in the birth and life and work and death of the babe of Bethlehem who was named Jesus because he should save his people from their sins.

Jesus is God's greatest gift to the world. He is the expression of God's love for sinful humanity which counted no sacrifice too great and no suffering too keen, if only the chasm cut by sin might be bridged. We can gain some slight conception of the greatness of the gift only when we acquire some appreciation of the tremendous task he undertook, the redemption of a lost race.

The greatness of the gift, however, is seen not only in the redemptive work of Jesus, but also in his present influence and power in the transformation of the lives of men and women. One indisputable apology for christianity is the fact that there are in every community people whose lives have been radically and completely transformed by some power or influence or personality greater than themselves of whose presence they are conscious. The universal testimonial of these people is that it is Jesus Christ who has wrought the transformation in their lives.

Originally the Christmas festival, by whatever other name it may have been called was a heathen festival. To the devout disciple of Jesus it marks the anniversary of the birth of his Lord. The real significance of Christmas is not the exchange of gifts among friends but rather the recognition of God's gracious gift of his own Son.

## FORD QUICK SERVICE FAVORITE OF TRAVELERS

On the second day of January of this year the first jitney pulled out of Gresham on its way to Portland with M. M. Squire as pilot, captain and crew. He went along quietly for a few weeks and then took Wood Butler in with him—and both of them made money.

As the demand for quick transit grew the Ford Quick Service became a business fixture and the company was enlarged until it now operates six cars and keeps a manager in the person of Mr. Squire busy all the time directing its destinies.

The company now consists of Mr. Squire, Mr. Butler, W. R. Johnson, Wilbur Harmon, Glen Harmon, Hally and Louis Christensen. They make a regular schedule during the day of every thirty minutes from both terminals and frequently hire outside cars to handle the traffic.

Mr. Squire is the president and manager, Glen Harmon the secretary and W. R. Johnson the treasurer. Each member has his own car but they pool their earnings to the extent of paying overhead expenses. The business has reached such proportions that others are also in the field, but the Ford Quick is the favorite of the traveling public.

## GRESHAM'S TAILOR GIVES SATISFACTION

One of the quiet, unassuming little places that people always find when they want good tailoring done is the modest shop of Peter Lenard on Powell street. For cleaning, dyeing, repairing and pressing he is not to be excelled by any city tailor and his new work shows skill that has been acquired only by a faithful apprenticeship and a steady habit of doing things right. The Outlook recommends him to all its readers as an artist in his chosen calling.

Tyler Parker, age seventy-seven, who laid down his type stick at Montgomery, Mo., recently, after serving sixty-two years at the "case," is supposed to hold the American record for length of service in typographical pursuits.

The installation of a 500-light electric plant in the palace of the Sultan of Oman marked the introduction of electrical machinery into Arabia.

## OVERLAND AUTO AGENCY FIRST IN THE SECTION

C. M. Zimmerman's Gresham garage was established here about five years ago, the first establishment of its kind in Eastern Multnomah. It has held the front rank ever since Mr. Zimmerman became the agent for the Overland automobile, one of the high grade machines that sells for a moderate price.

Numerous Overlands owned in this vicinity attest the quality of the car for all kinds of service. Practically all the Overlands sold in Eastern Multnomah came through the Zimmerman agency during the past three years. Each one has given full satisfaction and in some instances the owners have exchanged their old models for the newer ones, the reduced prices of the past year making it profitable to have a new model with all the latest accessories that distinguish the latest Overlands.

Besides his agency, Mr. Zimmerman conducts a general repair business and does all kinds of automobile repairing. He is a skilled mechanic and has a force of mechanics who are experts in their line. In addition the garage carries every accessory known to the trade and has a fleet of autos for hire or service at all hours.

## CAN FIX ANY CLOCK OR WATCH

Coming here last summer with a small stock of jewelry and a reputation as an experienced watchmaker, M. J. O'Brien has made good and is slowly building up a business that will some day place him in a larger building than the one he now occupies on Powell street. He is recommended as an expert at repair work and doesn't believe a watch ever wears out if it is properly cared for. Let him look at yours if it fails to keep good time.

Indiana increased its production of petroleum last year for the first time in ten years, the state's output being 1,335,456 barrels.

Queen Alexandra refuses to wear ospreys on account of the cruelty to birds which the collecting of the feathers involves.

Australia maintains a training school for boys who desire to become expert farmers but lack the means to pay for proper instruction.