

## ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS

By MRS. P. ANDERSEN.

Editor Gresham Outlook:—It doesn't seem possible that Christmas, with all its joy and happiness, will be here in a few more days, but it is so, for every newspaper printed at home and away is busy heralding the coming of Santa Claus and every child, little or big, can hardly wait till it is time for old Santa to arrive. And truly, Christmas is for the children, when they are made happy with gifts and goodies of every kind. It makes old folks wish that we could be children again and when we look up at the shining stars, and the big bright moon they are just the same as ever and our thoughts wander far away over the rocky mountains and the big blue water, to the dear old places where we used to romp in forest and dale to the music of the nightingale and the gray lark and we too were wondering if Yuleissen would have anything for us. But to every little girl and boy and to the big ones as well, we wish to say that the real Christmas joy arrived when on Christmas eve, we heard all of the big church bells ringing to remind us of the birthday of Jesus in Bethlehem. We also like to ask all good boys and girls not to be dissatisfied if your gifts are not just what you had anticipated, but thank God, that your daddy or big brothers are not in the war, or back in poor war-stricken Europe, in the trenches suffering or as so many already having been killed and buried in great heaps, hundreds in one place. Oh how many of those children don't even know where there loved ones are resting. Just think what a Christmas they will have. We cannot help them either, but surely we will remember them in prayer and while the bells are ringing we will shout: Peace, peace, peace, on earth and good will to man!

When we voted for Woodrow Wilson for four more years as the head of our nation it was with the hope that he will do all in his power to help bring about peace.

The Allies say no peace, it will be a fight to a finish, but Germany will never be conquered. It is impossible so if no peace can be determined it will be war, perhaps for many years

to come, and we shall all suffer to a certain extent.

And now we bring our Christmas greeting to the editor of the Outlook and his family, and to friends far and near and wish everybody a prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Helen Deaver Nilson, of eastern Washington, arrived home Sunday evening to be at the family fire-side for Christmas.

The grade school at District 39 will give an entertainment Thursday afternoon. Parents should turn out. The pupils will be glad to see a good many out. Santa is expected in person. The Christian church is also making preparation to meet old Santa Claus, and the children are busy getting their parts.

We are very sorry to report Mrs. E. M. Henderson is sick in Portland. Her illness is due to a nervous breakdown, the strain of the season's work and responsibility has been quite a task. We hope, however, that she will be back home in a few days at her spacious home, the Crown Point chalet.

Mrs. F. Homestead is in the city for a few days.

F. Hicks has just brought home a Ford. Who is next?

### HURLBURT

The bazaar which was held at the high school at Corbett Heights Saturday evening was a success. A good many could not attend, however, on account of whooping cough.

Mrs. Roy Emily is under the weather and Mrs. Morris Johnson is laid up with a felon on her finger.

The Hurlburt vocal society met at the home of H. B. Perkins last Friday evening. They meet next Friday at Arthur Johnson's.

While Fay Davis was driving on the highway his horse fell, but no harm was done except the shafts were somewhat bent. It looks as though we would have to build a macadam track on each side of the "Warrenite" or else all get autos.

Mr. Diamond Splawn started in a wagon for near the foot of Mt. Hood, where Mr. Splawn's mother is holding a claim, but got into snow so deep that they had to leave the wagon and get a sled to finish the trip.

We expect to eat a big Christmas dinner if someone invites us over.

For stringing beads quickly an ingenious German has patented a crank operated machine which feeds them on the point of a threaded needle.

Portland is the live stock and meat packing center of the Pacific Coast.

### UNION HIGH TEAM IS ENTERTAINED

Last Friday evening the football boys of Union High School No. 2, numbering about twenty-two were entertained at a party, given by the D. D. S. S. girls.

The early part of the evening was spent in going through a burlesque track meet the sides being chosen by Merrill Good, captain for Estacada, and Orville Zimmerman for Union High. Of course the home team won.

About 10 o'clock luncheon was served to about forty guests in the domestic art room, after which toasts were given to the ten letter men who are, Merrill Good, Orville Zimmerman, Glen McCormick, Emerson Brown, Mervin Good, Archie McKeown, Roy Olson, George Lane, Ernest Quesinberry and Ernest Brugger.

Toast Mistress Edith Jenkins called upon the following for toasts: Andrew Brugger, president of the Athletic association; Della Hughes, president of the senior class; Merrill Good, 1916 football captain; Orville Zimmerman, 1917 football captain; Charles Bee, football coach, and Principal Elmer F. Goodwin, who presented the ten letter men with the high school letters, big white U's.

### BETTER CANNERY WILL FOLLOW FIRE

In a recent interview, Jas. Elkington, secretary of the Gresham Fruit Growers association, stated that more than \$6,000 of the insurance of the cannery plant and stock has already been paid over by the insurance companies and the balance, something over \$3,000, will probably be paid within a few days.

The directors of the association plan to hold a meeting soon and decide on plans for rebuilding and installing up-to-date machinery. It is their intention now to consider the installing of machinery for the canning of vegetables as well as fruit.

The directors plan to send out solicitors to get more stock subscriptions, as it will be necessary to increase the capital to meet the cost of additional equipment. It is the determination of the directors to have a plant which will be much superior to the old one.

In proportion to its size a fly walks thirteen times as fast as a man can run.

A Hungarian inventor has succeeded in perfecting a wooden-soled



S. V.

M. P.

Dear Friends:—

As the remaining days of the Old Year are few and the New Year fast approaching we are again reminded that we have many things to be thankful for

The second anniversary of our business career is near at hand and your loyal support and encouragement leads us to greater anticipation.

Reviewing our past year's business achievements we are more impressed than ever that our Motto of "Sterling Values at Moderate Prices" is meeting with your approval.

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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By REV. E. A. LEONARD.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

This is the carol sung by "A multitude of the heavenly host" when the angel announced to the Shepherds feeding their flocks by night: "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Again the season that brings joy and good cheer has returned. Today there is no land under the sun that has not some knowledge of the babe born in Bethlehem. This should cause great joy and rejoicing among all peoples of the earth. But as we behold the terrible conflict raging between most of the nations of the world, we wonder if that peace of which the angels sang is near, or will be brought nearer by the hundreds of thousands that have fallen upon the field of battle. As we have read of the starving thousands in Belgium, Poland and Armenia, we have felt like Longfellow when he said:

"And in despair I bowed my head; There is no peace on earth, I said; For hate is strong And mocks the song Of peace on earth, Good-will to men." But when we remember there is one who has said to the warring nations of the earth as He has to the proud waves of the sea:

"Thus far shall thou come and no farther, He makes the wrath of men to praise him, and the rest he restrains."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead; nor doth sleep! The wrong shall fall, The right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Yes, God reigns in the earth as well as the heavens above, and he says: "I will overturn, I will overturn till this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ."

What message does Christmas bring to you and me? If he who was born king of the Jews reigns and rules in our hearts effectually, it brings joy, peace and true happiness,

and though poor in this world we can sing like the poor, rough clad shepherd lad when spurned by a maiden fair:

"Thou dost not know me, thou art looking at my rags. In my heart I am a king."

He who in his heart understands the language of the manger of Bethlehem can sing, "I am a child of a King."

Christmas teaches us another lesson—that we should help others to be happy. We should be like Andrew when he found Christ. He went to his brother Simon and said, "We have found the Messiah, which is the Christ."

Let us, like the wise men of the East, bring our gifts to Christ who has taught us that in relieving the suffering, helping the poor, comforting the sorrowing, that we are administering unto him. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

In Kansas City, Missouri, a few years ago a pastor preached on Heaven. The next morning returning from a visit to a home in need, he met one of his members on his way to his place of business who said: "You failed to tell us in your sermon last night where heaven is." The pastor told him to take of the good things of this life to this family which was suffering for the want of meat and bread. The merchant filled his basket, wended his way to the humble home, and as he beheld the tear of gratitude in the father's and mother's eyes and joy in the children's hearts he realized as never before "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

This is the message that Christmas brings for you and me: They that would be refreshed with the dew of heaven must wait upon the Lord by deeds of charity and acts of kindness and sympathy, thereby bringing good cheer and joy into the homes and hearts of others, and happiness and rejoicing into their own lives.

### Christmas Cash Club for 1917.

The club arrangements recently made by the First State Bank for the accumulation of Christmas funds is meeting with hearty approval of its customers. Many are signifying an interest in same and are planning to join the club January 3d, which will assure a Merry Christmas for 1917. It will be well for you to reserve a card now with the First State Bank, Gresham, Oregon.—Adv.

### TWO RAILROAD LINES PASS THROUGH GRESHAM

For a city of its size Gresham is the most highly favored of any in Oregon by having two railroads running through it, both from Portland, but traversing different routes and operating in separate territory.

A special edition of the Outlook, such as this, would be incomplete without a mention of the excellent service given by these two roads, both operated and owned by the Portland Railway Light & Power Company. The two lines together have schedules on week days that operate more than forty trains daily between the hours of 5:35 a. m. and 12:25 a. m. with an extra car on Sunday nights and frequent specials.

In addition there is a close connecting service by way of Linnemann or Ruby to Montavilla, Fairview and Troutdale. The fare is 25 cents each way to and from Portland except when excursion rates of one-half price are given. The trains operate to Estacada on the O. W. P. and to Bull Run on the Mount Hood line.

For more than a dozen years the service has been all that could be desired, and during that period there have never been any serious accidents, although immense crowds have been carried on numerous occasions.

In addition to the train service the P. R. L. & P. Co. furnishes the electricity that lights Gresham and many other places, including a great part of Portland and Oregon City. It furnishes the motive power for numerous motors of industry. Its generating plants are at Cazadero and Bull Run, and there are sub-stations at frequent intervals, one being at Gresham.

The awakening of Eastern Mennonism came with the railroads and they are the pulse, sinews and blood of this whole region.

An interesting event in connection with the meeting of the M. A. Ross Post and Women's Relief Corps at the grange hall last Saturday, was the dinner and special birthday cake in honor of two of the Post members, Thomas Glider and E. A. Kent, who have each lived 77 years. Mrs. D. D. Jack and Mrs. C. Humason escorted the veterans to places of honor at the table, which was loaded with good things to eat. The centerpiece was a beautiful red, white and blue birthday cake, the gift of Mrs. Humason, which was decorated with two small flags.