

GREETINGS to OUR FRIENDS

UPON this greatest Holiday Season the world has ever known, and in the spirit that pervades all humanity, we offer thanks to our friends and patrons for their loyalty to us during the year just past, and wish them one and all A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.
GRESHAM, OREGON

Why not arrange to pay the passage of the people who like Bolshevism better than Americanism to Moscow, where they can feed on husks with the other swine until they get a stomach full?

Mr. Garfield tells us that one of the obligations which has come to us as the result of the war is that of supplying the rest of the world with food and pocket money. Presumably this is what they call the new feed 'em.

Auction Sale

ON THE OLD HURLBURT PLACE
About 2 miles east of Springdale and 2 miles South of Corbett, Ore.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
Beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

9 Head of Cattle

COW, Holstein, 8 years old, fresh six weeks ago. COW, Jersey, 4 years old, will freshen April 10th. HEIFER, Holstein, 3 years old, bred October 8th. 2 HEIFERS, Jersey-Holstein, 1 year, 9 months, will freshen May 18th, 1919. HEIFER, Holstein-Guernsey, 1 year old. HEIFER, Jersey-Durham, 9 months old. STEER, Holstein-Guernsey, 9 months old. BULL, Holstein-Guernsey, 1 year, six months old. (All Cows Tuberculin Tested)

4 Horses

GRAY HORSE, 9 years old, weight about 900 pounds. BAY HORSE, 10 years old, about 900 pounds. SORREL MARE, 12 years old, about 1400 pounds. IRON-GRAY HORSE, 12 years old, about 1400 pounds.

Sow with litter of 8 Pigs.

6 tons Baled Clover Hay.

Double Set Harness. Single Set Harness. Buggy. Hack. Light Wagon. Mower, in good shape. Household Goods and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS—All sums under \$20, Cash; \$20 or over, six months' time on approved note bearing 8 per cent interest.

SALE RAIN OR SHINE FREE LUNCH AT NOON

M. B. SPLAWN, Owner

W. S. WOOD, Auctioneer, Vancouver, Wash. A. MEYERS, Clerk

AUCTION SALE

I will offer at Public Sale at my Place 1 1/2 Miles South-east of Gresham, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Beginning at 1 O'clock

All my household goods, including Kitchen Range. Heater. Two Good Iron Beds, Mattresses and Springs. Two Dining Tables. Two Dressers. Bureau. Buffet. Dining Chairs and Rockers. Bookcase. Axminster Rug. Other small Rugs. Simplex Cream Separator.

TERMS—Up to \$10, Cash; \$10 and up six months' time on approved security with interest at 6 per cent.

GUST LARSON, Owner

R. I. ANDERSON, Auctioneer K. A. MILLER, Clerk

BAKING EXCELLENCE

Allows us to compete with all rivals. The ingredients of our bread and pastries are in strict conformity with the war regulations and the neatness of our bakery has given us the highest sanitary rating. Patronize a home industry.

CITY BAKERY

Gresham. Phone 11.

Make This a Real Christmas

SOME USEFUL HINTS

GIVE
Something
Electrical
This Year

Sewing Machine
Motor
Vacuum Cleaner
Washing Machine
Floor, Table and
Desk Lamps
Chaffing-Dish
Toaster
Grill
Coffee Percolator
Milk Warmer

Smoothing Iron or
Traveling Iron
Curling-Iron and
Drying Comb in one
Vibrator
Heating Pad
Radiator
Portable Stove and
Oven
Range
Fan

ELECTRIC STORE

Electric Building

Christmas in a Momentous Era

Christmas of this year finds the world on the brink of an era just as momentous as that during the 18 months through which we have just passed. While the holiday season of 1918 should be an occasion calling for a spirit of joy and gratitude of unsurpassing magnitude, we should enter into the task of great desire to be helpful. The finest thought that could be held during the week to follow is, consideration one for the other. Caste, class or station should have no place in the problems of adjustment which are to follow during the coming year.

The merchants have felt a different spirit pervading the ranks of Christmas shoppers this year. It seems to carry a note of extreme cheerfulness—a desire to express pleasure in the mere act of buying—no one is buying gifts this year from a sense of duty—at least this seems certainly true from all appearances. They all seem to have their hearts in their work, and to be getting a lot of pleasure out of what, to a great extent, used to be considered a hard job. Two other features of this year's selling is its volume and the useful nature of the purchases.

All business houses are just as busy today as they have been on Christmas eve of previous years. It is wonderful the great desire folks seem to have this year to express their happiness in just buying something. And yet their purchases in the most majority of cases are for essential things. The Christmas spirit of 1918 is going to be bigger and cover a longer period than any other in the history of the country.

One remarkable feature of this season is the greatly increased clothing business since the signing of the armistice. There were a lot of civilians at this time last year, who were anything but real sure they would need clothes other than those furnished by Uncle Sam, in the near future. Consequently they were disposed to get along with the old suit and trimmings as long as possible. They haven't the idea this Christmas—for very good reasons—and they seem to be keeping the clothing merchants busy.

But the greatest feature of this holiday season is found in the shoppers themselves. It is hard to describe, but they all seem to be overflowing with pep and good humor. But this spirit is not strange when one stops to think about it—that's the way we all feel.

Folks seem to be getting a lot of joy out of their shopping. And they have been buying, too, not merely shopping. As a whole, the merchants

say, they have been easy to please and seem to possess a spirit of accommodation and patience which one could not truthfully say was prevalent to such a degree in seasons of the past. Everyone is apparently happy and desirous of expressing this sentiment, even in their relations with strangers. The truth of the matter is, they know this year what they want before they go into a store to buy.

Present conditions have made this holiday season an unusual one in many ways. The most notable one to the observer is the absolute abolishment of grades in the ranks of buyers. Those who in previous years had no money except for barest necessities are now able to purchase merchandise of the highest class. Those who have always bought this kind of goods have limited themselves, because of the influence of war-time conditions to the extent that their purchases exceed but little those of the much larger group before mentioned. This condition would seem to border somewhat on extravagance on the one hand, and a desire for retrenchment on the part of those who always have had money to spend freely. One class has not learned the lesson of saving—the other is practicing it and this spirit between the two illustrates how so many people are always poor while others always have money when they want it.

There are more men shoppers this year than ever before. It has been quite common to see them in a woman's apparel store all by themselves, making purchases. And they are feeling so good this year that only the best appeals to them. And this display of true Christmas spirit, the joy of giving, seems to pervade hearts and minds of all shoppers—both men and women.

On the other hand, a goodly portion of the feminine population seems to be expecting a soldier home before long and is determined to dress up for those homecomings. Every girl and woman is buying something happily this year. A great load has been lifted from their shoulders and they seemingly strive to find expression in making themselves as attractive as only clothes intelligently selected, can achieve.

Just compare conditions here with that of any other country in the war zone—neutral or combatant, and you will see a cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving of which we should never lose sight. Christmas of 1918, looking either backward or forward, should loom up as an occasion for the expression of our true selves, dwarfing all previous Yuletide seasons of years gone by.

FRANK BROWN WRITES HIS FATHER A LETTER

A "Father's" letter was received a few days ago by John Brown from his son Frank who is in France. It was written on November 23, the day set aside for the A. E. F. to write to their fathers. Such letters were not censored and the writers were free to tell almost everything.

The letter deals largely with a history of the embarkation from New York, says Mr. Brown in speaking of it, and details some of the exciting experiences of being chased by submarines. However all of the fifteen ships in the fleet arrived safely at Brest, where President Wilson landed a few days ago. Frank describes it as "one sloppy and dirty hole."

His other adventures took him to the hospital at St. Napoleon where he saw many dead and wounded. He went from there by train about 100 miles into France to Angers, which he says is a very pretty place with a good Red Cross. From there he went to La Rochelle.

Frank is in a car-building squad that was turning out 100 box cars a day up to the date of his letter. General Pershing was there and thanked the men for their work and said they had done as much toward winning the war as any regiment in France.

He says that there is a rumor of his regiment being one of the first to leave France, yet he says he can stand it awhile longer if necessary as he can accustom himself to almost any circumstances.

A Fordson farm tractor has been brought to the Hope Garden farm, adjoining Multnomah Farm, where a public demonstration will be given on Thursday and Saturday afternoons. Farmers and others interested are invited to be present.

PHOTOS

ALL KINDS AND ALL SIZES
New Gallery

PICTURE FRAMING
GILT OR NATURAL WOOD
Neat and Cheap

MAX SCHNEIDER
Mathews' Bldg, Main Street
Phone 541

POST AND CORPS ELECT OFFICERS

A most enjoyable meeting was held by the M. A. Ross Army Post and Women's Relief Corps last Saturday. The occasion was the annual election of officers in both organizations. The dinner, furnished by the Relief Corps, was a sumptuous affair and the "old boys" did full credit to it. Department Commander Stephenson of Portland was present.

The officers for the coming year in the Post will be Judge G. W. Wona-cott, commander; George Kaleriem, vice commander; John Larson, junior vice commander; E. A. Kent, chaplain; E. E. Chipman, secretary; H. G. Harmon, officer of the day; Thomas Ginder, officer of the guard. The installation will be on the 31st Saturday in January, Rev. I. B. Self will be installing officer and J. H. Varney will be officer of the day.

The election in the Corps resulted in the choice of the present personnel to serve for the coming year. They are Mrs. Christina Humason, president; Mrs. Maggie Ryan, senior vice president; Mrs. E. E. Chipman, junior vice president; Mrs. Emma Gilmore, treasurer; Mrs. C. O. Branson, chaplain; Mrs. Emma McBain, conductress; Mrs. Lizzie Jack, secretary and Mrs. Gilmore, press correspondent. Installation will take place on the same day as that of the Post.

Just as we got ready to protest against the Jewish programs in Poland the F. F. V.'s lynched another "nigger" suspect at Culpepper.

Whether we are now at the end of our troubles or only at the beginning remains to be seen.

Few Escape.

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.—Adv
Spotlights and electric horns. C. E. Osburn & Co.

Government and Municipal Bonds

Bearing 4 1/4 per cent to 6 per cent interest.

\$10,000 United States Liberty Loan Bonds 4 1/4 per cent interest
\$ 2,000 Dominion of Canada, due Aug. 1, '19, 5 per cent interest
\$ 5,000 Great Britain and Ireland (secured) 5 1/2 per cent int.
\$ 5,000 City of New Westminster 6 per cent interest.
\$ 2,000 City of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan 5 per cent interest
\$ 1,000 City of Prince George, Canada 6 per cent interest
\$ 500 City of Ontario, Oregon, 6 per cent interest

Interest on the above bonds is payable semi-annually and anyone wishing to invest their money in gilt edge securities will do well to investigate the above offerings.

BANK OF GRESHAM

County and City Depository

Gresham,

Oregon

TROUTDALE

At the annual election of the Troutdale Chapter of the Eastern Star the following officers were elected: Worthy matron, Mrs. Norene; worthy patron, Mr. John Jonas; associate matron, Mrs. Moran; secretary, Mrs. Laura Harlow; treasurer, Mrs. Frances Fox; conductress, Mrs. Ruth St. Clair; associate conductress, Mrs. John Jonas. An honored visitor at the meeting was the grand worthy matron, Mrs. Settlemeier.

There was a good audience out to hear the special exercises Sunday evening at the church. Christmas songs were sung by three little boys, Eldon Dupuis, Robert Harlow and Dale Parsons, and also by Thelma Dupuis and Sam Harlow. The story of "The Other Wise Man" was told in a very interesting way by the minister Rev. Earl B. Cotton. All are invited to attend the church services.

Geo. P. Lumsden left last Wednesday for Berkeley, California. Mrs. Lumsden went to the southern city in October in hopes of improving her health, but has not been so well lately. She has been with her sister, Mrs. Harry Berry, but was moved last week to a sanitarium.

Russell Wilson left last week for Butte, Montana, in answer to a call to come and help pack celery, a business in which he is very proficient, the Wilson brothers having just harvested a large crop of fine celery.

Emerson Crawford, who enlisted in the navy about a year ago, is at home on a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crawford. He expects to leave for New York where he is stationed, on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kendall and family are spending the Christmas week visiting at Seaside with relatives. Mr. Kendall expects to spend the week shooting ducks.

Ed. Dupuis, who is employed at Pendleton, is spending the holidays here with his family.

Mrs. Isley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, have found them a quick and sure relief. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good."—Adv.

War Svings Stamps save lives.

PINCH HITS TWICE IN U. S. SENATE.



Fred W. Mulkey is known as the "pinch-hitting senator" to his home folks out in Oregon. Twice has Mulkey served short terms in the United States Senate. He served for 43 days in 1907, and has just now completed a five-day term to fill out the term of the late Senator Lane.

REPORTS ALL COUNTY AGENT WORK POPULAR

At least 25 of the 26 Oregon counties that took up county agent work prior to or within the war period will retain their agents next year, reports Paul V. Maris, state leader. So effective did these agencies prove in organizing the agricultural forces for increased production and strict conservation, that their services are to be retained. Some new counties are also considering the advisability of establishing county agent work. In Linn county the farmers and business men are raising the maintenance fund by subscription.

To the Public.

Beginning with January 1st, 1919, the banking hours of the Bank of Gresham will change and we will close daily at 4 o'clock p. m.

Kindly bear this in mind as we will lock the door at that hour in order that we can finish up our work before 6 o'clock.

K. A. MILLER, Cashier,
Bank of Gresham.

Extra Outlooks of the Christmas issue will be mailed at 5c each.



We Have Heard a Lot

about the compliments that our patrons are paying us, and we want to say right here and now, "Mr. and Mrs. Customer, we thank you. Your kind words are sending your friends to this shop, and we are going to treat them right. Again, we thank you."

A. J. W. BROWN, Prop.
Gresham, Ore.

GRESHAM MARKET

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