

**BUSINESS MEN REPORT CONDITIONS GOOD**

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stands 30th among the cities and towns of the state having deposits of \$500,000 or more."

W. J. Todd, barber, who has been here more than six years, expressed his appreciation of the trade he has received and wished his customers a Merry Christmas.

G. M. Davidson, drugs, stationery, kodaks and photographic supplies, and the like, who has been in business here eight years, said his holiday trade had been unusually good and exceeded any Christmas season he had experienced. He expressed the greetings of the season to his customers and the desire that he might merit their continued patronage during the year to come.

First State Bank, A. Meyers, president. "We have no complaint to offer," said Mr. Meyers. "Business compares favorably with last year. As a matter of fact there is more prosperity than in 1924. Farmers have been getting better prices for their produce and as a result have been able to meet their bills and put some money away. This is evidenced by the fact that our savings deposits have grown appreciably. In 1923 the total of savings deposits was, in round numbers, \$270,000. In 1924 it grew to \$296,000 and this year totals \$327,000. This fact tells a story all its own. While commercial deposits which were \$305,000 in 1923 dropped to \$289,000 in 1924 they have recovered this year somewhat and now total \$295,000. We are appreciative of the business we have enjoyed and hope to merit an increased volume."

Raker & Son, C. I. Raker and E. D. Raker, proprietors, Ford dealers, garage and service station, said, "We are closing the best year we ever had. We have averaged better than one car a day for every month. We have added two men to our sales force and assigned them territory. We have installed a follow up system which means better service to car owners and have increased our parts department and added painting and cleaning."

S. E. Palmquist, harness maker, expressed himself as satisfied with his trade during the year and believed there would be a healthy increase in 1926.

Cecil Metzger, grocer, declared trade has been good throughout the year, and that he had no kick coming. He said the future looks good to him and with the farmers securing higher prices prosperity was assured. He expressed the greetings of the season to all Greshamites.

L. L. Kidder, hardware dealer, said business had been entirely satisfactory and although the volume had not been big he could make no complaint and looked forward to a prosperous year in 1926. He wished all his customers the season's greetings.

Walrad Mercantile company, B. L. Walrad, proprietor. "We have been enjoying a good volume of business and are entirely satisfied," Mr. Walrad said. "We thank our customers and hope to continue to merit their patronage. There is every evidence

of prosperity on the part of the farmer and for this we are glad. Greetings to all."

Hepp Racket store, Philip Hepp, proprietor, said that his volume of business was excellent and better than at any like season during the three years he has been located here. His assortment of toys and other goods is a wide one.

Welling's Restaurant, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. E. Welling with a corps of helpers, is growing in popularity. It has enjoyed a gratifying patronage during the past year. Courtesy, cleanliness and meals that satisfy are characteristics of the place.

Hessel Implement company, W. A. Hessel, proprietor, admitted they had no complaint to offer with regard to either their total business for the year or their holiday trade. This firm deals in automobiles as well as other things and declared there was a brisk demand for autos.

L. A. Wack & Co., dry goods, expressed themselves as delighted with the business accorded them during the year. This company, by the way, has a series of window displays which are a decided credit. Mr. Wack desired to thank his customers and to wish them the greetings of the season.

Withrow's Confectionery and Restaurant said they had enjoyed an increased volume of business during the past year. They have made numerous changes to their plant during 1925 which served to make it one of the best layouts for its kind outside of Portland.

J. E. Metzger, undertaker and furniture dealer, reported a very satisfactory trade. That there is every reason to believe the wave of prosperity is here, was his statement.

Walter W. Metzger, Buick and Chevrolet dealer, who recently erected one of the best designed and equipped buildings for the display of automobiles in the city, reported a forging ahead of his make of cars saying the demand was increasing. He looked for a large improvement next year of a healthy character.

U. G. Smith, Linnemann Junction grocer, is one of the really progressive merchants of this vicinity. Mr. Smith purchased his store 18 months ago and yesterday said his November business was 20 per cent greater than in the corresponding month of last year. He has started advertising believing in printers' ink and find it brings results. He has a varied stock and reports a highly pleasing holiday trade as well as generally satisfactory business the year around.

**APPRECIATIVE READER VOICES NEEDED CAUTION**

The Gresham Outlook.—My dear friends:—As the Christmas season approaches and the spirit of goodwill is manifest in all our thoughts and deeds, it occurs to me to address you who have always been so helpful in all things which have tended to promote the public welfare. Particularly, are you entitled to the good wishes and thanks of the people of Multnomah county for the fidelity with which you constantly present the needs and

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

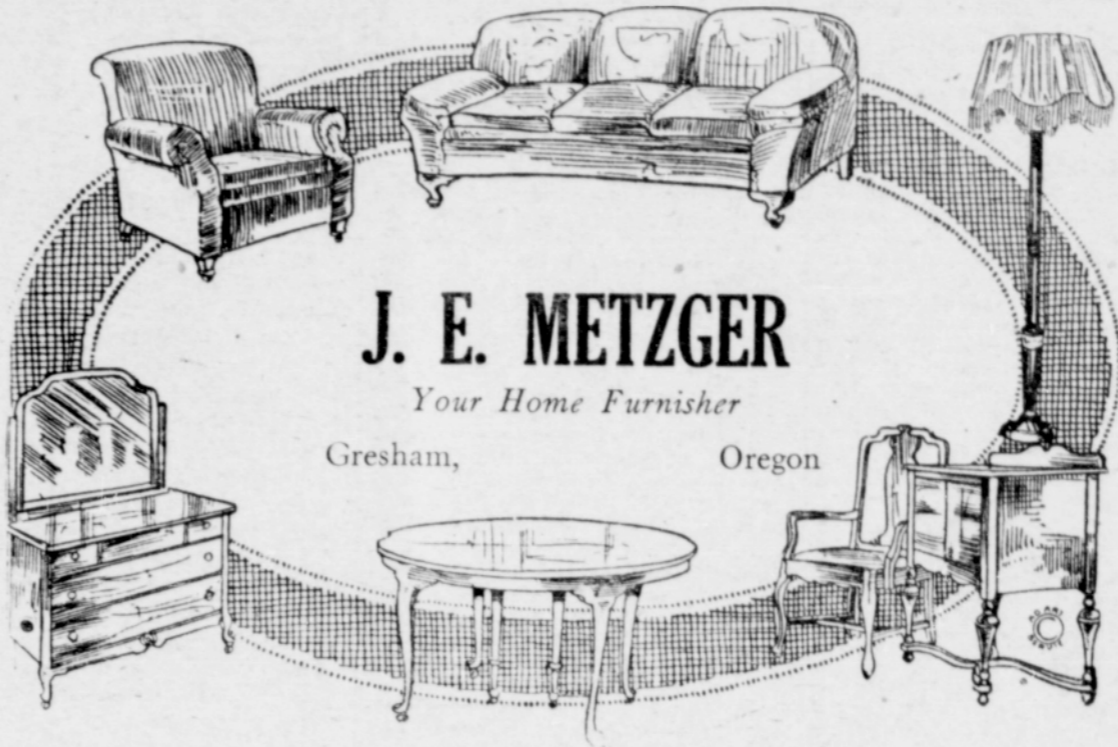
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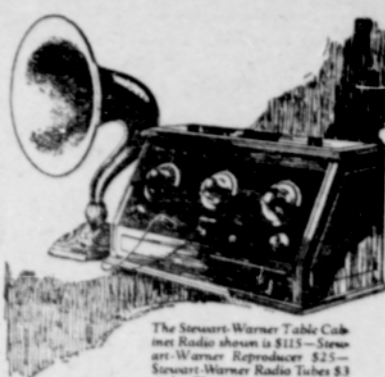
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ambitions of the rural interests in the eastern part of the county to the urban population residing in Portland. This is a real service in that it promotes mutual understandings and consolidates worthy efforts.

I am inclined to believe that we of Oregon are to witness a great increase in our population during the next decade and that even now a revolution is taking place in the daily habits of our people and in the methods of doing every day things. Life in the future will be radically different than life has been in the past.

I believe that Pacific Coast cities are to be spared the congested districts, the tenement houses and the slums common to eastern cities; because with good roads, automobiles, regular bus service, telephones, parcel-post, circulating libraries, university extension courses, rural high schools, the radio and the infinite number of kind of electric appliances for domestic purposes, country life will be so preferable to city life that our increasing population will seek culture and a

livelihood amid rural scenes and environments; then the good speed you have been planting these many years will produce its abundant crop of wholesome and delightful fruit, which possibly you, yourselves, do not now fully foresee—events are moving so quickly and this is an electric age.

There is but one caution, it seems to me, that we must vigilantly observe if we would guarantee the realization of a highly developed country life in Oregon. Surely all the conveniences which I have enumerated, and more that are being almost daily invented and perfected, will be readily available to the common people of Oregon if we but refrain from granting special privileges for the private capitalization of our public resources; but on the contrary preserve and develop the public resources for the benefit of all the people.

I wish the members of the staff of the Outlook and every reader of the Outlook a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.  
RUFUS HOLMAN.

**The Greatest Christmas Day.**

EMANUEL R. D. HOLLENSTED, Pastor Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairview, Oregon.

Christmas of nineteen hundred and twenty-five is here and is ushering us into another year, the most memorable of all this world's event is daily witnessed as we write our dates.

It was a prophetic event, we look forward as well as back, the arrival of that babe in the manger has filled us ever since with hope and anticipation when that child of Bethlehem shall be universally acclaimed Lord of all.

Would that we made the theme of "Peace on earth and good-will toward men" more incessant in our thinking, preaching and practice, in place of reserving it for this annual occasion.

Taking another world view and inventory of the world's condition this year there is much to cheer the waiting heart.

Somehow to my thinking this Christmas comes nearer the goal of international understanding and brotherhood than any previous year in history. It is certain that the international peace gathering at that beautiful little city, Locarno, on the shore of Lake Maggiore in Italian Switzerland, is without a precedent.

"Here," says a writer, "French and Germans met as equals, and came afterwards to meet as friends, Germany is now to be in the League of Nations."

Surely the prospect of the fulfillment of the Christmas prophesy is brighter, a Christian world conscience is being aroused and is finding more effective expression.

Christ did not come into the world a mere dreamer of unattainable ideals, they are being found practicable, the solution for the world's woes, cries the nation's statesmen in unison, lies in christianity.

It has taken centuries of time and untold sufferings to learn some of the lessons the great master taught us, but the heavenly host will sing again joined by a redeemed creation on the last Christmas Day, that will know no evening and that has no end.

**Prosperity and Peace Cause for Thankfulness.**

C. W. HUETT, Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church.

Another year has passed into history and by the courtesy of the editor of the Gresham Outlook I, as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, have been invited to participate in the Christmas number in a few words of greeting.

Here in Gresham we are fortunately situated even for favored America. A mild climate, a productive valley, a virile, intelligent citizenship free from feuds, strife and needless alarms, pestilences and other ills which make many places often very undesirable as homes, we have an abundance of the common everyday blessings which makes life sweet to everyone. While none of us are wealthy, still we have an abundance to meet every primal need and somewhat to spare for less favored localities. Good water, fertile soil, abundant crops with a fair recompense to the people who toil, is our heritage. Truly we may say with one of old "My lot has been cast in pleasant places."

While there are and have been differences of opinion there never has been and we devoutly hope there never will be feuds that will set family against family and clan against clan as is the case in some localities. Crimes of violence are almost unknown and differences of opinion resulting in violent endings are practically non-existent. We are at peace and harmony with our neighbors.

The churches are prosperous, services well attended and the people sufficiently generous to meet the needs of divine service. No one need go hungry, cold or naked. Let us rejoice that we live in Gresham, have fellowship with its people and enjoy all the privileges of this goodly heritage. For all these and other good gifts too numerous to mention we devoutly return thanks to Almighty God.

**We'll Welcome You!**

Shop Early and get the Benefit of Fresh Stocks

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The Holiday Goods you want are in stock. Our lines are incomparable in extent and variety. Don't delay your Christmas shopping—do it early and do it here. Courteous salespeople to assist and wait on you. Our delivery service is unbeatable.



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