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MERRY CHRISTMAS

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas tide, we wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to those who are our friends and patrons. For it has been your friendship and good will that has made possible for us the success of this year; and so, at this time we cordially extend to you our most sincere wish that health, happiness and prosperity may attend you throughout the coming year.

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STILING COOPERATIVES

The Oregon Voter, D. C. Chapman, editor, in a recent issue, devoted over seven columns of its pages to an article entitled "Grief of Cooperatives."

Mr. Chapman is a mighty fine fellow, personally, and we are glad that we have the honor of being an acquaintance. He is capable, energetic, and prints a splendid magazine; has a wonderful personality, and injects oodles of it into his articles, but, we are more than sorry to say that his publication favors the capitalists, some class them as the "select few," to the disadvantage of the farmers and laborers.

It seems a pity that a man like Chapman, with his talents, could not be on the other side. He would wield a wonderful power for the advancement of the toilers; his publication would almost be their Bible, but as it is, the very things the common multitudes fight for, Chapman drags down, if it steps on the toes of those whose cause he has championed.

His publication of the above mentioned article consisted of several letters of the Oregon Dairymen's Cooperative League, and was printed merely to belittle the organization in the eyes of the public, because it affects "big interests."

Chapman, The Oregon Voter, "big interests," are all synonymous.

My Garden

Would you like to know about my garden, which takes so much of my time and care?

Through the center runs a path with flowers on either side, a bed of Patience and a beautiful bed of hope, a fine climbing Courage and a little vine called Cheerfulness, that runs in and out all over my garden.

Around the garden is a fence made of Determination, with posts of Perseverance. This is to keep out the Gumble Vine that grows all about outside and tries to get in. The path in my garden is made of Grit and leads down to a fountain which sometimes plays tears, with which I water my garden.

Outside the garden a tree like the weeping willow grows and sometimes casts a shadow over my flowers, and once in awhile a black bird comes at twilight and sings in the barnches. It is called the Complaining Bird—it does not come often.

In one corner of my garden is a hot-bed where I raise Smiles because they have to be forced! My gardner's name is B. A. Goodman.

Later—The Grumble Vine broke my fence! I have cut it down, but the root is still there. I have mended the break in the fence with as much Pluck as I could find, and have been gathering the flowers and tying them together with Good Resolutions.

Christian Science Monitor

Christmas Trees by Million

NURSERYMEN grow large quantities of Norway spruce for Christmas uses—rather more in the middle West, where conifers are not common in the woods, than on the eastern and western coasts, where they fringe every hillside. But the tree most commonly used is a short-needle pine found in the woods of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Early in September the Indians about the lumber camps of this region are set to work cutting these trees for the market, and by early November a little fleet of vessels makes its way down Lake Michigan, a Christmas tree hauled to the foremast of each one, that by this sign all may know that in their holds is a cargo which might not tempt a Captain Kidd, but is far more precious than many a one for which good ships have been scuttled.

YULETIDE THORN TREE SAVED

Blooming Glastonbury, Subject of Beautiful Legends of Christmas, Was Doomed to Destruction.

ONE of the most beautiful legends of Christmas is that of the Glastonbury thorn. The thorn tree grew at Glastonbury Abbey, in Somersetshire, and was supposed to have developed from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea. According to the legend, Joseph came to Glastonbury and while he was resting on a hill, afterward known as Weary All hill, he struck his staff in the earth. The staff immediately grew green and budded, and at Christmas time it blossomed into beautiful flowers.

One chronicler states that during Queen Elizabeth's reign the thorn had a double trunk, but that a somewhat bigoted Puritan, who disliked the tree because to his mind it smacked of popery, started to cut it down, and succeeded in demolishing one of the trunks. A miracle rescued the remaining trunk of the tree by causing a chip of wood to fly up and hit the Puritan in the eye, while at the same time he slipped and cut his leg. Later the tree was grubbed up, but a number of smaller trees raised from slips of the original are said to be owned by persons in the neighborhood.

BOXES, OLD CHRISTMAS FAD

Ancient Custom at One Time Developed into Demand as Right and Became Nuisance.

THE bestowal of Christmas boxes is of great antiquity, and was formerly the bounty of well disposed persons who were willing to contribute something toward the industrious. Later the gift came to be demanded as a right and became somewhat of a nuisance. Long ago the Roman Catholic priests had masses for everything, and if a ship went to the West Indies they had a box in her under the protection of some patron saint, into which the sailors put money or other valuables in order to secure the prayers of the church. At Christmas these boxes were opened and were thence called Christmas boxes. In England the day after Christmas is known as "Boxing day," from the Christmas boxes which used to be in circulation, and in the British museum can be seen boxes covered with green glaze with a slit in the side for money and presents.

DO'S AND DON'T'S AT THE P. O.

Thoughtfulness on Part of Patrons of Uncle Sam Will Assure Clerks and Carriers.

DON'T put off mailing that package until Christmas eve. Don't neglect to tie it properly. It is handled at least five times before it reaches its destination.

Don't forget to write your own return address on all parcel post matter.

Don't guess at the postage and give your friends the pleasure of paying "postage due."

Don't plaster Red Cross stamps on the face of packages or letters; take care not to "seal" parcel post packages with them. It raises the rate.

Don't forget that a little thoughtfulness on your part can help to make Christmas happier for Uncle Sam's men, his horses and his automobiles.

Do mail early, preferably before December 20th, writing on your packages: "Not to be opened until Christmas."

Do your best to use the post offices in the forenoon, the earlier the better.

Do write legibly, both the address to which you are sending the gift and your own return address.

Do be courteous and "Christmassy" to the post office men who serve you. They are handling thousands of pieces of mail matter.

Do be brief at the counter. You keep someone else waiting if you are loaded like an express truck, with packages and foolish questions.

Plants for Christmas.

Other things being equal, it is better to buy plants near one's home than to travel afar. Do not be tempted, even by cheap offers, to go miles away, for counting fares, packing, expressage and loss, the ultimate cost is very likely to be more than if you paid a good deal higher price at home. Of course it happens that one grower or florist has a large stock of some one thing at a low rate, but dealers usually have an understanding with one another especially regarding holiday prices, and for weeks before the holiday season they have been balancing stock with each other, so that the better quality plants are of an almost fixed value.

Christmas in Days of Yore.

There are many old and stately ceremonies and many historical events connected with Christmas that are well worth perusing, and that give us glimpses of ye ancient times when our fathers and our fathers' forefathers celebrated and revelled and gave of their abundance to those for whom nothing was prepared.



Christmas Greetings

TO THE FOLKS OF HERMISTON

No time During the Year is Home Happiness as Apparent as at "Yule Tide"

Spend your Christmas in a home—any home where you are welcome.

It is the wish of this company that every family in this community may have a HOME of its own by Christmas Day, 1921.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All business establishments handling auto accessories, tires, tubes, gas, and repairs, will, after January 1st, 1921, be on a strictly cash basis. The hardware stores that handle the above named automobile accessories, will be on a cash basis also, but this does not include their hardware stock.

This policy is merely in line with that adopted throughout Eastern Oregon and Washington, some time ago.

It is not the desire of the dealers to work a hardship on anyone, but this move has become universal over the eastern part of the state, and all of Washington, and Hermiston is the last town to fall in line with this movement.

The policy will be strictly adhered to all the Hermiston dealers.

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WHITE STAR BUSS LINE SCHEDULE

8:00 a m Lv. Hermiston Ar.	5:40 p m
8:20 a m Stanfield	5:20 p m
8:40 a m Echo	5:00 p m
9:40 a m Ar Pendleton Lv	4:00 p m

Buss leaves Allen & Knight at Pendleton; Carl's Cigar Store at Echo; Stanfield Hotel at Stanfield; Lay's Garage at Hermiston. Buss Line will resume operation Monday, December 6th.

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