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THE TURN OF THE YEAR

What will 1931 bring? The year just ended will go down in history as one of the hard year, economically speaking. Everybody in the United States has felt the pinch, not of poverty but of "hard times." Business has been slack, money hard to collect, credits have been curtailed, spending has been less, more people have been out of work, than at any time since the last great depression which lasted through the year 1921.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

A 19-pound turnip from the C. W. Cutsforth ranch near Eddyville is on display at Gervais. Here's one for the family breakfast. A pullet, owned by Otto Lebeck, of Astoria, laid an egg 9 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches. Douglas county's assessed valuation including public utilities, is \$33,494,173. This is an increase of \$40,083 over last year.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat - Big Bend bluestem, 75c; soft white, western white, 69c; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 67c.
Hay - Buying price, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$17.50@18; valley timothy, \$17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$19@20; clover, 14; oat hay, \$14; oats and vetch, \$13.50@14.

THE WAY OF LIFE (BY BRUCE BARTON)

"That's My Father"
A young professional man took me to a country town to call on his parents. The old couple had raised eight children, of whom six are living and doing well. The father runs a small store. "I want you to meet my people," my friend said later. "They are poor, but I'm proud of them. When any one talks pessimistically about marriage or human life in general, I like to remember the record of those two old folks."

Elizabeth, for she had been told that she too, though advanced in years, would bear a son. The unborn John gave signs of life when Mary came in and it was just then that Mary uttered the Magnificat in thanksgiving. When they came to circumcise the baby John all would call him after the father-Zacharias. Elizabeth said he should be called John, and when the father was asked they banded him a writing tablet but his speech came back just then and he said "John." The nature and work of John were described in the Benedictus, a song that Zacharias gave at the time and in the prophecy of Gabriel when the birth was announced.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST CHURCH
O. W. Payne, Pastor.
Friday evening, December 26, prayer meeting in the church. Dr. D. Yarnes, district superintendent, will preach Sunday morning. Immediately following the services a church dinner will be held in the

basement, at approximately 1:30. Last Sunday morning 42 new members were taken into the church as a result of the evangelistic efforts of the Meade Brothers. Epworth League at 6:30. Evening worship, 7:30. BAPTIST-CHRISTIAN CHURCH
W. E. Jones, Minister.
10:00 a. m. Bible school. The contest ends this Sunday and neither side knows as yet which is the winner. 11:00 a. m. preaching service, "Forgetting the Things that are Behind." 6:30 p. m. Junior and Young peoples Christian Endeavor. Also the adult study class. The book of James is to be studied. 7:30 p. m. preaching service, "Let us Work While it is Day."

BAPTIST CHURCH

C. W. Cutler, pastor.
Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00. Evening service at 7:30. Railroad trains running to some of the English pleasure resorts are now equipped with windows of "health glass" which transmits ultraviolet rays.

For your Courtesy, Good Will and Loyalty, Contributing much to our progress, We gratefully thank you this season— A season demanding expression Of joy in the pleasant relation Existing between us and you. First National Bank of Hermiston Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits Over \$50,000 F. B. Swayne, Pres. R. Alexander, Vice-President A. H. Norton, Cashier

If you want something satisfying, Truly good, Just drop in our place and eat Our home cooked food. Wholesome, hearty, energizing, Well served too; Makes you feel a different fellow When you're through. Hermiston Hotel "The Place of Good Eats"

Remembering, 'Tis Christmas! We find ourselves wishing for a few words that will convey, in the true spirit of Christmas, the thoughts that are uppermost in our mind and express most clearly our deep appreciation of your friendship. Let us be thankful for the Christmas spirit that helps us to lay aside all business cares and turn our thoughts to those finer things of life. To you and yours we wish a most glorious old-fashioned Christmas and a New Year filled with Happiness.

KINGSLEY'S HERMISTON'S HOUSE OF QUALITY AND SERVICE

WE GREET YOU FROM OUR NEW LOCATION NEXT TO THE MACMARR STORE ON MAIN STREET and wish you A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR CHAS. G. BURK'S, Inc. Where you can supply your needs at sale prices. We will continue to operate both stores until further notice.

Santa is here with goodies galore, If you doubt it, come over and see; We've pies on the shelf and cakes in the stove, And bread just as good, you'll agree. The fine texture and sweet freshness of our products is a Christmas offering to delighted patrons. Hermiston Bakery

May these good wishes Warm and true; Bring cheer on Christmas Day To you. And may the coming year Be gay; With some new joy For each new day. Knerr's Repair Shop

To Our Patrons And Friends We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year too. Our aim is to be of service To the community and you. Hermiston Light & Power Co. HERMISTON, OREGON

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON International Sunday School Lesson for January 4 JOHN THE BAPTIST Luke 1:68-79 Rev. Samuel D. Price, D. D. During the coming six months the lessons will be on the life of Christ and the Scripture will be from Luke's gospel. From July to December we will study about the Early Church as recorded in Acts and the Epistles. John the Baptist was six months older than Jesus. Announcement of his coming was made to aged Zacharias, the priest, when he was offering the incense in the Holy Place in the temple of Jerusalem. That privilege was determined by lot and many priests never had that distinction, for there were so many of them. The 90 year old man could not believe what the angel Gabriel said and was made speechless as a sign until after the baby was born. When Zacharias came forth to pronounce the benediction on the people who had been waiting in the court his lips moved but no sound was heard. They "perceived that he had seen a vision in the Temple." That should be the objective each time we go to worship in God's house. After the announcement came to the Virgin Mary she went to visit her relative