

### THIRD AMERICAN STEAMER HELD UP BY FRENCH CRUISER

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The steamer San Juan of the New York and Porto Rico line was held up and searched by a French cruiser while the steamer was bound from New Orleans to San Juan, Porto Rico, according to a message received by the line today. Two second class passengers were removed. The San Juan flies the American flag.

The San Juan is the third vessel of this line to have been held up within the last five days, the Coamo and Carolina having been searched off Porto Rico.

The passengers removed from the San Juan were William Gunthevold and Fritsch Lothar, both said to be residents of New Orleans. The San Juan left New Orleans Saturday and arrived at San Juan early today.

A message from San Juan to the local office did not give the exact location where the steamer was searched nor the name of the French cruiser, but it is believed that the San Juan was searched yesterday and probably by the Descartes which held up the Coamo and Carolina.

Manager Mooney of the line said he would not determine the question of making a protest through the state department until after the steamer Carolina arrives here Monday and he obtains full reports of the holding up of the Carolina and the Coamo from the ship's officers.

### SOCIAL CENTER PLANNED FOR CITY

At a meeting of prominent citizens at the library hall last evening to consider the matter of organizing a Y. M. C. association in this city, it was decided to make it a social center proposition at this time, rather than the more extensive problem of a Young Men's Christian association. The meeting was well attended and much interest was manifested in the matter in hand. Rev. Harry E. Tucker, who presided, appointed W. H. Gore, Glenn O. Taylor, Fred W. Mears, Louis Bennett and E. A. Welch a committee to formulate plans, to determine the cost of equipment and the most available location for the "center." This committee was instructed to report at a meeting to be held at library hall one week from next Monday night. Meantime, the committee and others interested will interview the business men of the city and obtain their views and estimates of the value of such an organization at this time, the circumstances suggesting the need of it to those who participated in the discussion last night.

### POPULAR VOTE NEEDED FOR WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Senator Owen of Oklahoma announced today he would seek to have the federal constitution amended to prevent any war or aggression by this nation without approval by the popular vote. The Oklahoma senator will present a resolution providing for the following amendment to the constitution: "No war of aggression shall be waged by the army or navy of the United States, except upon a declaration of war by congress, ratified and approved by a majority of votes cast in a majority of the congressional districts of the United States."

### MEDFORD GIRLS SELL TAGS FOR CHRISTMAS

The merchants association are supporting the venture. This will be Medford's first municipal Christmas and aside from the worthiness of the movement there should be a natural desire to shake the initial venture a splendid success. A meeting will be held at the library next Wednesday evening to perfect details of the celebration and a large attendance is desired. The committee makes a special request that Tag Day be called to the attention of the church congregations of the city on Sunday by the ministers.

### TEUTONS EVACUATE CITY OF LEMBERG

KIEV, Russia, Dec. 11, via Petrograd and London.—A report reached here today that Lemberg is being evacuated by the Austro-German forces on account of an outbreak of scurvy.

Owing to the spread of the disease the military authorities, according to the report, decided upon the withdrawal with a view to avoiding panic among the civilian inhabitants of the city.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 11, via London.—A report that the Austrians and Germans are evacuating Lemberg, capital of Galicia, was received here today from Kiev.

### CANADIAN MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 11.—The local plant of the Maple Leaf Milling company, whose plant at St. Catharines was burned a few days ago, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The cause of the fire today is unknown, but circumstances surrounding both fires led to the assertion that spies were responsible.

### MAXWELL STOCK CAR STILL AFTER RECORD

Los Angeles, Cal., 5:20 p. m., Dec. 8, 1915. Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation, Portland, Or.

Maxwell stock car non-stop run to noon today, seven thousand six hundred eighty-two miles. Twenty-three miles to gallon gasoline. Average speed twenty-one and a third miles per hour. Been running fifteen days and nights. Car still running in excellent condition. Will easily break world's record.

### DRAMA LEAGUE NOTES

The lecture last evening given by Mr. Andrews on the Drama was attended by a small but very appreciative audience.

In his usual delightful manner Mr. Andrews spoke of the drama as a sister to all other arts, developing side by side with music and poetry, culminating in Shakespeare's unsurpassed word painting.

His quotations of passages from Macbeth and Othello were received with enthusiastic appreciation of their comprehensive interpretation and artistic delivery.

Mrs. Childers who assisted Mr. Andrews at the piano added much to the enjoyment of the lecture in her illustration of the various steps in the evolution of musical drama.

The Drama league feels very much indebted to Mr. Andrews and Mrs. Childers for their generous share in the educational work undertaken by the league in a series of lectures which are to be given from time to time on subjects pertaining to the drama.

On January 29 Prof. Rebec of the University of Oregon will give a lecture on Shakespeare.

A lad of fourteen regaled his companions, the other day, with a narrative of his experience in killing snakes on the farm during the summer and autumn months. He had destroyed many. The boy did not know, possibly, that he was killing his father's friends in the field. Only venomous snakes should be destroyed—and there are very few of them in this valley. Snakes live on field insects and field mice. Insects and field mice live on father's crops. The hushsnake, rattlersnake, blue racer and other reptiles of their kind are not poisonous and ought not to be killed. They do the farmer a friendly service.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNED BY LADIES OF CATHOLIC CHURCH

Well, they're going to have a fair—a real, big fair, beginning Wednesday morning and lasting till Saturday night—a real, hang-up, big fair with lots of fun and frolic, music, baby contest, beauty contest, mysterious Christmas tree, country store, nigger babies, Murphy family and all, together with lunches every day at all hours, a la cafeteria—you pay for what you get. The fair will be held by the Catholic ladies in the Davis building, corner Sixth street and Central avenue.

Now, about this Murphy family, I asked Mrs. Owney Patton, who is high priestess of the whole concern, just why and wherefore they should be featured, and what about them, anyway? Murphies of several kinds are plentiful and ordinary, and what were these in particular? But she answered me with her soft brogue and winning smile, "Now, never ye mind about this Murphy family, but they're going to be there, the whole—family."

There is going to be a "mysterious Xmas tree," twenty-five feet high, one of the young giants of the forest you read about, and it will be loaded with gifts, but that is where the mystery comes in. Really, you have to see it for yourself, and help guess what is in store for you.

The musical program for the evenings is not yet complete, and will be announced later, but on Thursday evening Herbert Alford, Mrs. John Wilkinson and Mrs. Ivor Paley will contribute to the entertainment, and on Friday evening Miss Geraldine Theiss will sing.

### RED FRONT HAS BIG CHRISTMAS STOCK

The Red Front is better equipped and better supplied than ever this year to handle the holiday trade and presents, moderately priced, can be found there for every member of the family, and for the home as well.

W. L. Judkins, the present proprietor, has owned the store for three years and has steadily built up a good business by reliable goods, courteous treatment, and lowest prices. He says there is nothing to the claim that toys are scarce and that they have plenty from every nation and every clime. They also carry a nice line of candies and have nothing over 25 cents.

New glass fronts have recently been put in their notion counters and other improvements made.

### PLAN IRRIGATION FOR MODOC ORCHARD

Manager W. A. Sumner of the Modoc orchards in Sams valley, has invited bids on the work of installing a pumping plant with which to irrigate thirty-nine acres of pear orchard on the upland at the foot of Table rock. This pear orchard was watered by use of tank wagons this year, which saved it from severe injury by the drought; the grower, however, was inconsequential. Next year the orchard should bear a considerable crop. The purpose is to install the irrigation system to insure an abundance of moisture at the proper time next year. The water will be pumped from a canal extending from Rogue river by way of the orchards into the valley. A permanent system will be installed, of the extent of which more will be known later.

# THE CHRISTMAS STORE for MEN

FOR YOUR MEN-FOLK

"What Shall I Give Him?"---Vexing Problem, Isn't It?

And here's the solution: Come to this store—it's a man's shop through and through—we have things here that will surely please him, and he'll commend your judgment in buying here because he knows that all our merchandise, like our lines of clothing, offers utmost value for your money.

Cut out this list—use it as a guide:

- Ties, 25c to \$2.50.
- Gloves, Dent's, with other good makes, \$1.25 to \$3.00.
- Handkerchiefs, cotton, pure linen and silks, from 10c to \$1.00.
- Hats, newest blocks and shades, \$1.50 to \$5.00, including famous Stetson and Knox.
- Socks, cotton, lisle and silk, at 12 1/2c to \$1.00 pair.
- Hand Bags, Suit Cases, Umbrellas.
- In fact, everything a man or boy could wish for.
- Also every article in Furnishings from 50c up will be inclosed in an appropriate Xmas carton without extra charge. Early shopping will be to your advantage in selection of sizes and patterns.



### To the Mothers of Our Young Men

A Dress Suit or Tuxedo for Christmas—nothing will delight him more, and a good way to be sure that he will be thoroughly pleased is to buy an order on us for one of our splendid makes in Dress Suits or Tuxedos, and then let him come here and be fitted to his perfect satisfaction.

If in doubt what to buy, here is the easy way out: We sell you either Merchandise, Hat or Glove Bond, which you present the recipient, which allows him to come in and make his own selection.

## Model Clothing Co.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

BEGINNING TODAY WE ASSUME THE AGENCY FOR STUDEBAKER CARS, AND ARE NOW READY TO MAKE DEMONSTRATIONS BY APPOINTMENT. THE SELECTION OF "THE STUDEBAKER" AS A COMPANION CAR TO THE FORD, WHICH WE SHALL CONTINUE TO HANDLE, IS THE RESULT OF SEVEN MONTHS' INVESTIGATION ALONG LINES THAT WOULD ENABLE US TO SELECT A CAR TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THOSE DEMANDING A LARGER CAR—YET GIVE THE SAME SERVICEABILITY AT AS LOW PROPORTIONATE UPKEEP AS THE FORD SERVES ITS OWNERS. TO DETERMINE THIS, WE INVESTIGATED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

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- FLEXIBILITY**—HIGH POWER YET AS RESPONSIVE TO THE THROTTLE AS THE LIGHTEST LIGHT CAR.
- SERVICE**—THE DURABILITY OF THE STUDEBAKER PERMITS US TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEMATIC FREE SERVICE NEVER BEFORE ATTEMPTED IN MEDFORD. COME IN AND LET US EXPLAIN AND SHOW YOU THIS WONDERFUL CAR.

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