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## Christmas Suggestions

Kodaks and Cases. Symphony Lawn Stationery. Johnston's, Liggett's and Schraff's Chocolates Christmas Wrapped in 1 lb., 2 lb., 3 lb. and 5 lb. Boxes. Kares, Fiancee, Three Flower and Cara Nome Toilet Sets. Waterman's Ideal and Parker's Fountain Pens. Parker and Eversharp Pencils. Cigars and Cigarettes in Christmas Wrapped Packages. De Vilbiss Perfumers. Coty's, Kares and Fiancee Perfumes. Card Sets. Military Brushes. Writing Sets. Griffon Manicure Sets.

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## BIG CHRISTMAS BEING PLANNED

ELKS PREPARING FOR GREAT EVENT

Every Kid in the Valley Will Be Invited to the Party to See Old Santa Claus

While in former years the Elks club of the valley has been in charge of the Christmas celebration, for the first time the Elks lodge, instituted last April, will this year take hold of the big celebration. While the elden will enjoy the party, strictly speaking it will be a children's affair, and every kid in Hood River is invited to participate. This is the way the entertainment committee, composed of A. S. Kolstad, Paul McKeercher, Fred Rand, Jim Wilson, Walter Ford, Earl Frans and I. H. Oederwall, has outlined the events of the day:

- WHERE—Rialto theatre for Christmas tree and Santa Claus, then to Elks temple.
- WHAT—Every boy and girl available.
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- 2. A Christmas tree.
- 3. Santa Claus.
- 4. Presents for everyone.
- 5. Eat at the Elks temple.

Every effort is being made to take good care of the children from the time they come until they get home. A light lunch will be served and a capable committee will be on hand to see that the children do not over eat and are sent home in good condition to enjoy their Christmas dinner. Through the courtesy of the Rialto theatre we will secure a big picture, one that the kiddies can understand and enjoy. It may be Mary Pickford or Jackie Coogan.

We want to transport the children who live in the outlying districts safely, and we want cars. Anyone who wants to donate their automobile and driver Christmas morning please notify Attorney Baker or any member of the entertainment committee, giving capacity of car and how early they can be available.

The merchants of the city have already shown interest and are going to help by donating merchandise and toys. The object is to show every boy and girl in this part of the country a good time Christmas morning.

Santa Claus just sent us a special delivery letter that he is on his way and will arrive with his reindeer and toys at the Rialto theatre Christmas morning at 10 o'clock.

## POULTRYMEN HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Prof. H. E. Cosby, poultry extension service specialist, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and U. S. government, cooperating, was in Hood River Saturday and delivered an address before the Hood River County Poultry association. Prof. Cosby stated that the value of the poultry industry in the United States during the year 1924 was in excess of the wheat crop, and that the poultry industry is on the constant increase, but still far behind the demand for poultry products, and in view of the fact that the beef and mutton products are on the constant decrease, as items of food, poultry will logically take their place in human diet.

"Ten years ago a 200-egg hen was not uncommon. Today the 200-egg hen is not uncommon," said Prof. Cosby. "But notwithstanding the fact that poultry is on the increase, and the general average of production, per hen is gradually being increased through careful breeding, the supply of fresh eggs is greatly below the demand. The Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, the poultry producers' cooperative organization at Portland, which now handles over 90 per cent of the eggs produced in the state of Oregon, has not been able to fill its orders for eastern shipment. The eastern egg market will always be a good market for the Pacific coast egg producers for the reason that the winters in the east cause the chickens in that section to go on a strike during cold weather, and at a time when the Oregon hens are on the job with a 90 to 70 per cent production," said the speaker.

Prof. Cosby stated that Hood River was a good county for poultry production, and that if the poultrymen were careful to secure good stock, and give it the proper care and management, that the hen would respond with a liberal price above the price of feed and care. It was advised that a unit of from 400 to 1,000 hens would make a profitable unit as a side line for Hood River orchardists. It was also stated that the pooling of orders for feed and buying in larger quantities would effect a material saving to the poultrymen.

## PLANS FOR BETTER ROAD OUT OF TOWN

At the Monday night meeting of the city council action was started toward the securing of a better grade and an improved road leading out of town on the West Side. County Judge Hasbrouck stated that the county court was ready to cooperate with the city in securing such improvement and a motion was passed calling for an immediate inspection of the ground by the members of the council. The improvement as suggested by County Engineer Harburt consisted of rounding out the corners past the laundry on Oak and Thirteenth streets and at Thirteenth street and Sherman avenue leading west. He stated also that it would be quite inexpensive to grade and widen Sherman avenue leading westward from these corners. Judge Hasbrouck stated that a petition signed by many growers of the Barret, Belmont and Oak Grove districts had been presented to him requesting improvement of this route. It was stated that most of the heavy hauling from those districts the past two years had been going down Methodist Lane, north to Sherman avenue and into town either on Oak street or State street.

Among other matters considered it was decided to have a street light placed at the corner of Ninth and June streets, which is just east of the high school. It was declared that the darkness at the corner was being utilized by too many "spooners."

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