



May
the
Spirit
of Christmas

fill your heart with
the greatest joy and peace.
Merry Christmas,
everyone.

COAST-TO-COAST STORE



At this joyful season, we take
pleasure in extending to you

Season's greetings
EAST SIDE MARKET

WHERE "XMAS" BEGAN

"Xmas," now generally considered poor usage as an abbreviation for Christmas, was often used as a holy symbol in the early Christian church. "X" in Greek is the first letter of Christ's name.

December 24, 1814

On Christmas Eve in 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was negotiated between the U. S. and Great Britain. This ended the War of 1812.



Merry
Christmas
Our warmest wishes
to all our good friends!

OWYHEE
Barber Shop

No Christmas!

"Hear ye, hear ye! Christmas will not be celebrated. All who observe that abominable day will be severely punished!"

An unlikely message for a town crier? Not in the time of Oliver Cromwell!

Cromwell and his Puritan party did indeed consider Christmas an "abominable day," and on Dec. 24, 1653, they succeeded in getting the English Parliament to pass a law making Christmas celebrations of any kind illegal.

Imprisonment or exile was the penalty for disobedience.

A few days before Christmas, town criers went through the streets warning against holiday celebrations.

In England, the ban lasted eight years—and even longer in the United States. The belief that Christmas merry-making was sinful came to the New World with the Pilgrims.

New England states outlawed Christmas observances until the middle of the 19th century. In Boston, for instance, Christmas was illegal until 1856!

Mistletoe for Luck

Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe had a more positive control over luck, good and bad. A bit of mistletoe hung over a doorway was said to ward off evil.

A later belief suggested that mistletoe could bring bad luck. If mistletoe boughs put up for Christmas are not removed by Candlemas Eve (Feb. 1), this belief holds that each leaf will bring forth a goblin to remain for the rest of the year, harassing the household.

Today, a meeting beneath the mistletoe brings good luck in the form of a kiss.

In Germany, the people bake long cakes for Christmas. The cakes are meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Trees Live and Bloom In Yuletide Legends

Almost every kind of tree has a legend relating it to the Nativity or the life of Christ.

The cherry tree, says "The Cherry Tree Carol," bent down its boughs for Mary to pluck the fruit.

The Glastonbury Thorn blooms at Christmas because, legend says, St. Joseph of Arimathea, on his arrival in England, drove his staff into the ground while he was carrying the Holy Grail, the chalice used at the last supper.

The staff took root and grew into a thorn tree.

Merry Christmas!



Greetings

May this Yuletide impart
New Joy and Happiness
Into your heart.



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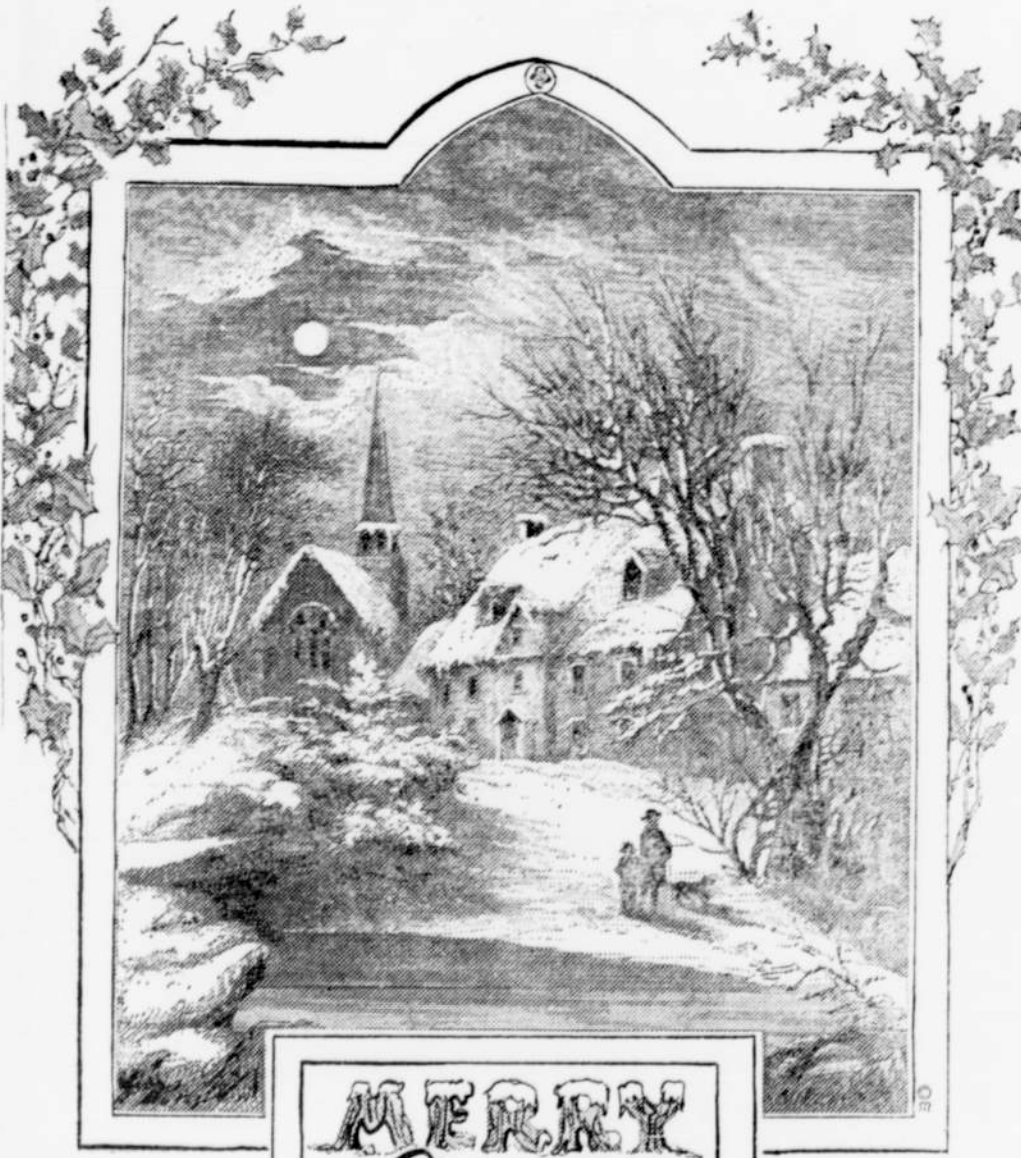
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TO WISH YOU

a very merry Christmas, and thank you for
your kindness and loyalty is the purpose
of this, our sincere holiday greeting.

RIEB'S MARKET



MERRY
Christmas

We welcome the glad Christmas season
and all the heartfelt joys it brings.
We welcome, too, the opportunity to pause in the midst of our daily
occupations to recall anew how fortunate we are to have the favors
and friendship of our valued customers. To all of you, we offer our
real appreciation and our best wishes for your holiday enjoyment.

FARMERS FEED and SEED COMPANY

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
from
HOME DAIRIES
Enjoy These Holiday Treats

Home Dairies
Egg-Nog
Sour Cream
Whipping Cream
Shake Break

MILK and Grade A Dairy Products
"Known for their finer flavor"