With the

Season's Greetings

We wish you all a very

Merry Christmas

J. C. Penney Co.
THE GOLDEN RULE
BUSY STORES

Merry

Christmas

and

Happy

New Year

P. M. Gregory

"Salem's Ice Cream Man"

PERSONAL

"Doc" Lewis, formerly with the J. C. Perry drug store is home from Goat Island.

Captain R. D. Byrd writes his Elk friends from Belgium sending them greetings. The letter is dated Nov. 25.

Dr. Lottie Findley, of Grants Pass, sister of Dr. M. C. Findley, is visiting at the home of her brother.

Harry Cronise is home from the University of Washington.

Marvin Holt, son of Dr. and Mrs. George F. Holt, is home for the holidays. He is in the aviation detachment of the navy at the University of Washington and expects soon to be sent to the south.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Webb are in Portland spending Christmas with Mr. Webb's parents.

Three years ago Christmas, the maximum temperature was 48 and the minimum 38, the day was cloudy and there was .04 of an inch of rain. Christmas for 1916 came in with cloudy weather. The maximum temperature was 39 and the minimum 32. The rainfall was .05 of an inch. One year ago this Christmas the day was cloudy, the maximum temperature was 49 and the minimum 38. There was a precipitation of .22 of an inch. Last year it not only rained on Christmas day but it had been raining for 13 days before and continued to rain for six days after. Last Christmas the river was at a stage of 17 feet. This year it will be only three feet above.

According to Portland reports, Mrs. Winnie Braden is now after the job held by A. H. Lea, secretary of the state fair board. It was but recently that she was conducting an active campaign for election as manager of the Salem Commercial club, the position now being held by Frank H. Chapman.

THE CAPITAL JUNK CO.

Wishes all friends and patrons a Merry Christmas

W. COHEN
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Proprietors.

All Around Town

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 29 — Christian Science lecture, opera house, 3 p. m.
Dec. 30.—Second election on school budget.
Dec. 31.—Company M dance at armory.
Jan. 7—Annual Cherrian initiation and banquet.
Jan 13—Legislature convenes
Jan. 15-16—Auto exhibit.

"The funeral beautiful."—Webb & Clough Co. tf

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Lunch counter opposite O. E. R. R. depot. Good lunches, M. J. B. coffee. Lady waitress. Open from 6 a. m. to 12 p. m. 12-30

Relax and rest in the dental chair. Dr. Hartley fills and extracts teeth without pain and corrects diseased gums. Moore bldg. Phone 114. tf

Build up Salem's industries by supporting those on the ground. tf

Salem bread is freshest and best. tf

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Terwilliger, graduate morticians and funeral directors, 770 Chemeketa St. Phone 724.

I have moved my offices into more pleasant and more commodious quarters on the third floor of the U. S. National bank building. Dr. O. L. Scott Chiropractic-Spinologist, 306-213 U. S. National bank bldg. tf

Charles L. Unruh, formerly at the state house in the printing department is now stationed at Payne Field, West Point, Miss. It just happens that he is alive and well for just a few days ago he was invited to go up in the air for a little joy ride with a friend, but another man asked to take the trip and he let him go instead. On that trip the airplane crashed into another and all four men of the two planes met instant death.

Highways Rapid Transit Auto service to Portland and way points daily, leaving Salem at 7 a. m. Phone orders evening before, 137 S. Com'l Phone 663. tf

George B. Doust is home for the holidays from Miami, Florida, where he is field superintendent of the Harbauer company, heavy buyers of tomatoes and cucumbers. He was formerly a resident here in charge of the Capital city creamery. His son, Harry W. Doust, who has been stationed in a New Jersey ordnance camp, has been mustered out and will return to manage his father's ranch on rural route 8, Salem.

Dr. J. O. Matthis, associated with Dr. H. J. Clements, office 406-410 Salem Bank of Com. bldg. Office tel. 573; res. 1705 South Fir St. tel. 596. 12-27

Lieutenant Robert S. Gill, former rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church is in the city.

High grade, genuine furs for Christmas gifts at special prices. West Fur Co., 217 South High St. tf

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Chinese Medicine and Tea Co.
Has medicine which will cure any known disease.
Open Sundays from 10 a. m. until 8 p. m.
153 South High St.
Salem, Oregon. Phone 288

Notice to the Public

Beginning Thursday evening December 19th, we will establish a night service both from Salem and Portland leaving at 6 p. m. making two trucks leaving Salem and Portland daily. Those desiring quick service from Portland phone your orders before 5 p. m.

HIGHWAYS RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY

Sol Roberts, Agent

PHONE 663 137 SOUTH COM'L

Salem bread supports Salem's payroll and in turn the asks the support of Salem people. tf

With four sons in the service, W. H. Tate of Sublimity is feeling especially thankful this Christmas due to the fact that one of the boys is home with his discharge and the other tree ave escaped witout injury.

It is just a little risky toting a prosperous looking suit case now-a-days as the police force are inclined to look with suspicion on any traveling bag or suit case coming from the wet fields of Califorfia. As to whether an officer ofthe law has the right to investigate a suit case traveling north, there is chapter 141 of the general laws of Oregon for 1917, page 179. Part of this chapter reads that if an officer "has reasonable information that intoxicating liquors are being unlawfully carried he may search without warrant." About the only thing that cannot be searched is a train, but even cars may be searched if one of the train crey invites an officer to look around. Then the police have the legal right to ask any one to open a suit case for examination and to ask one to step over to the police station and talk it over. There are some who rely on the constitution of the United States to protect their rights, but from past experience in Salem, the constitution was of no avail when the police officer asked any one to come along to the police station.

You should buy Salem bread only, there is a reason. tf

Hunt's orchestra will furnish the music for company M's informal military ball at the armory New Year's eve. The committee in charge expects this to be the military event of the season.

Big dance tonight armory.

7 p. m. tonight big dance. Big time at armory.

Music that makes you dance at armory tonight.

Rum early enjoy the good music and dancing at armory tonight, 7 p. m.

With visible evidence that he had been hit in the nose, S. G. Brown of Silverton appeared before Judge Webster yesterday an dswore out a warrant for the arrest of Joe Moxley, on a charge of assault and batery.

Attorney E. E. Baker, who was inducted into the service June 26, 1918, and who is now Sergeant Baker, is at home from Camp Lewis for over Christmas visiting with his parents. He is first sergeant motor ambulance No. 55 and his work includes the discharging of the men in his company and other administrative duties. On account of his work Sergeant Baker expects to be held until the last at Camp Lewis. Among the boys seen at Camp Lewis are several of the aviation bunch, including Victor Moffett, Ivan Johnson and Mr. McDonald who just arrived a few days ago. Sergeant Baker says that the boys who were inducted into the service last August and sent to Camp Lewis, are all there yet and are in the 13th division.

A marriage license was issued at Vancouver ,Wash., Dec. 21, to Raymond E. Cleveland, 25, and Gertrude E. Brayhill, 18, of Salem.

No city boarders are to be found at the city or county jails. The two bootleggers who were given a fine of $100 or 50 days in the county jail by Judge Race managed to find some friends in Portland who raised $200 enabling the men to pay their fines and leave late last evening to spend their Christmas in the big city. The 12 quarts of Sunnybrook taken from the bootleggers was poured in the sewer. Officers officiating at the ceremoney were Chief of Police Foland with officers Rice and Paulson as witnesses that the booze had been legally disposed of.

Christmas dance tonight at armory at 7 p. m.

While real estate is not especially booming in Salem and vicinity, yet there is a strong undercurrent of strengthening prices. This is noticeable, real estate men say the sales of city property that have stiffened considerably within the past six months Fruit tracts are also being held for better prices and many strangers have been in the city the past month looking for investments. Ferdinand Kurz a few days ago bought as an investment a ten acre improved tract three and one half miles from Salem on the Jefferson road from Walter L. Hatch. Notwithstanding the fact that no money is spent for advertising purposes nor any effort made in that line, nor any available literature to be had setting forth the advantages of the Willamette climate, the general impression is that Salem and vicinity is just on the verge of a lot of prosperity and all in spite of the natural disposition of the old timers and conservatives to indirectly discourage new comers.

The rural schools are not putting on many Christmas programs this year. With the general influenza conditions throughout the county, school directors have thought it best not to give entertainments that would bring in several neighborhoods. Those that have been given have been for only those living in the district where the scool is located.

A. L. Wallace and Paul Stege will leave aboutt he first of the year to make their homes in San Francisco. Both men have been prominent in the affairs of the Elks lodge.

The family almanac says that Dec. 22 was the shortest day in the year, yet at the same time the sun is rising a little later each day up until the first week in January when it finally doesn't show above the horizan until 7:30 o'clock. The scientist says the days are really getting longer even if the sun is later in getting up as it is now setting a little later each day. For instance, on Dec. 22, the sun was scheduled to set at 4:31 o'clock while this evening, if it follows instructions of the family almanac, it will set exactly at 4:32 o'clock.

The funeral services for Mrs. Oliver Darby who died at Lostine, Oregon, will be held in Salem Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from the chapel of the Rigdon company. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Swanson of Portland and burial will be in the City View cemetery beside the body of her husband who was buried last Thursday.

Owing to the lateness of the report of many tax levies and of the public utilities properties, the office of Ben F. West, county tax assessor, is working overtime in order to have all work brought up by the first of the year. Hence business was going on as usual in the office this morning. The tax levies are all now in excepting from school district No. 24, which includes Salem, and from the cities of Scotts Mills and St. Paul. Unless a tax levy is officially received by the evening of Dec. 31, it will not be represented on the rolls for the coming year.

Would Make Puget Sound Great Distributing Point

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 25.—That Tacoma, Seattle, Everett and other Puget Sound points must pool their interests in making the Sound one of the worlds great terminal centers was the statement of R. H. Thomson, Seattle expert engineer, explaining the details of the public service commission's proposed terminal plans to businessmen here.

"The entire plan," said Thomson, "would do away with vexatious delays and excessive handling charges now imposed on shippers, and would put Puget Sound at the front as a great distributing point for Oriental trade."

WHITE XMAS IN MIDDLE WEST

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Approved Christmas weather prevailed today throughout the middle west.

All the valley states lay under a heavy blanket of snow. Temperatures ranged from zero in North Dakota to 30 in southern Illinois.

Railroad traffic, delayed by storms yesterday, returned to normal today.

To our friends and patrons ---to all humanity--- everywhere our wish

The Best Christmas You've Ever Had

Gale & Co.

Commercial & Court Sts.
Formerly Chicago Store

Japanese Peace Party To Arrive In Frisco Tomorrow

Aboard the Steamer Tenyo Maru, Dec. 24.—(By wireless to San Francisco.)—The second contingent of the Japanese peace party is enjoying a pleasant voyage aboard the T. K. K. liner Tenyo Maru. The steamer expects to put into San Francisco Thursday morning.

The party is under the leadership of Baron H. Makino and includes General Nara and Vice Admiral Takeshita, leaders of the military and naval sections. In all the party is comprised of forty members.

The party will meet the first delegation under the leadership of Marquis Saionji at Paris.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Cotter Bride, prominent Washingtonian and friend of former Secretary of State Bryan, died here today.

HUNGER DRAWS THE MAP

A food map of Europe today shows not a single country in which the future does not hold threat of serious difficulties and only a small part which is not rapidly approaching the famine point. With the exception of the Ukraine only those countries which have maintained marine commerce have sufficient food supplies to meet actual needs until next harvest, and even in the Ukraine, with stores accumulated on the farms, there is famine in the large centers of population.

Belgium and northern France, as well as Serbia, appear on the hunger map distinct from the rest of Europe because they stand in a different relation from the other nations to the people of the United States. America has for four years maintained the small war rations of Belgium and northern France and is already making special efforts to care for their increased after-the-war needs, which, with those of Serbia, must be included in this plan, are urgent in the extreme and must have immediate relief.

The gratitude of the Belgian nation for the help America has extended to her during the war constitutes the strongest appeal for us to continue our work there. The moment the German armies withdrew from her soil and she was established once more in her own seat of government the little nation's first thought was to express her gratitude to the Commission for Relief in Belgium for preserving the lives of millions of her citizens.

Germany, on the other hand, need not figure in such a map for Americans because there is no present indication that we shall be called on at all to take thought for the food needs of Germany. Germany probably can care for her own food problem if she is given access to shipping and is enabled to distribute food to the cities with dense populations, which are the trouble centers.

England, France, the Netherlands and Portugal, all of which have been maintained from American supplies, have sufficient food to meet immediate needs, but their future presents serious difficulties. The same is true of Spain and the northern neutral countries—Norway, Sweden and Denmark—whose ports have been open and who have been able to draw to some degree upon foreign supplies.

Most of Russia is already in the throes of famine, and 40,000,000 people there are beyond the possibility of help. Before another spring thousands of them inevitably must die. This applies as well to Poland and practically throughout the Baltic regions, with conditions most serious in Finland.

Bohemia, Serbia, Roumania and Montenegro have already reached the famine point and are suffering a heavy toll of death. The Armenian population is falling each week as hunger takes its toll, and in Greece, Albania and Roumania so serious are the food shortages that famine is near. Although starvation is not yet imminent, Italy, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Turkey are in the throes of serious stringencies.

In order to fulfill America's pledge in world relief we will have to export every ton of food which can be handled through our ports. This means at the very least a minimum of 20,000,000 tons compared with 6,000,000 tons prewar exports and 11,820,000 tons exported last year, when we were bound by the ties of war to the European allies.

If we fail to lighten the black spots on the hunger map or if we allow any portions to become darker the very peace for which we fought and bled will be threatened. Revolt and anarchy inevitably follow famine. Should this happen we will see in other parts of Europe a repetition of the Russian debacle and our fight for world peace will have been in vain.