

# Missoula County's Christmas Present

Missoula county received a Christmas present yesterday which her people will appreciate and prize long years after its donors are dead and buried. Yesterday the county commissioners entered into a contract with Artist E. S. Paxson, by the terms of which Missoula's artist is to paint eight pictures to be placed in the hall in the county courthouse. Ever since it was realized that the county had been "stung" by the dabs, called paintings, that were put on the walls as a part of the contract for the interior decorations of the new building at the time it was constructed, there has been a strong sentiment throughout the county favoring their being replaced with something of real worth by Artist Paxson. The commissioners, the present board, felt that the county had spent so much money in the new building that it could not afford to add anything more to the total, until the last few months when the sentiment in favor of tearing out the present canvases and replacing it with something from Mr. Paxson's brush seemed to be growing so strong. Then when Artist Paxson, through loyalty to his home county, offered to practically give it a set of paintings which would require a year's time to make, the board was quick to avail itself of the offer, and yesterday made official announcement of the acceptance of Mr. Paxson's offer, the completed paintings to cost the county but \$1,500.



E. S. PAXSON.

To the Missoula Woman's club is due a big share of the credit for having crystallized the sentiment in favor of the Paxson pictures, and it was partly through the realization that the club women, as well as so many others, sincerely desired to have his work properly represented in Missoula, that Mr. Paxson was moved to make the generous offer. The paintings will really be his Christmas gift to the county, for no one will deny that the work which he proposes to do would cost four times the amount stipulated coming from any other artist of the county or Mr. Paxson's standing.

At the last conference held between Mr. Paxson and the county commissioners a plan to be followed out in the arrangement of the new paintings

was decided upon. The present pictures consist of six panels, one on each side of the hall and two at the front and rear. The side panels are entirely too large, because there is no chance to get far enough away from them in the hall so that the view is from the proper angle or distance. Therefore, it was decided to divide these side panels, leaving the others the size as at present. Therefore, when Mr. Paxson's work is finished, there will be eight panels in the hall instead of six as at present.

Mr. Paxson is to select his own subjects, and he estimates that it will require a full year of work to complete the paintings.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

Spirorella corsets. Phone 630 red.—Adv.  
 Attorney Dan Heyfron has gone to Spokane for Christmas.  
 Marsh, the undertaker, phone 321.—Adv.  
 Frank Bosworth of Arlee has business in the city yesterday.  
 Dr. Willard, osteopath, 1st Natl. bank.—Adv.  
 George Godfrey of Polson is here for a few days with friends.  
 Roundup coal. M. R. C. Smith, rooms 206-208 Montana Bldg.—Adv.  
 John Flynn of Potomac spent the day on business in Missoula.  
 We wish you the compliments of the season. Darvill & Ellsberry.—Adv.  
 Attorney Harry Parsons spent the day in Hamilton on legal business.  
 Stenographer Dawson, Montana Bldg.—Adv.  
 Mrs. W. C. Alder of Sloan, Mont., spent the day with friends in the city.  
 Dressmaker. 16 Hammond block.—Adv.  
 Mrs. Daigle and her son were in the city yesterday from their home at Oriskany.  
 Achon, piano tuner. Phone 328 orange.—Adv.  
 A. N. Larson, assistant cashier of the Roman State bank, is in Missoula for Christmas.  
 Lump coal delivered, \$4.50 ton. Inquire Shapard hotel.—Adv.  
 Peter Miller came from his home at Clearwater to look after business matters in the city.  
 Humane society. Call up 889, red or black. P. O. box 60. R. F. D. 1.—Adv.  
 Mrs. J. F. S. Marshall of Stevensville is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickinson.  
 Dr. J. Louis Smith, osteopath, Masonic temple. Phone 618; res, 533 red.—Adv.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Conlter of Willard, Mont., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Streit and Miss Carrie Kirshman this week.  
 Trinity hospital, 317 Woody. Bell phone 215 black.—Adv.  
 Mrs. H. R. Nurse came in from Hamilton yesterday to meet Mr. Nurse, who has been east on a business trip.  
 Dr. Anna James, osteopath, Higgins block. Phone 834 black.—Adv.  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Adams of Garrison are spending the holidays with Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. Harriet Dinmore.  
 Newton H. Schwelker, optical specialist. Rooms 203-205 Montana Bldg.—Adv.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gerber of Lolo Hot Springs are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gerber this week.  
 Talk with Taylor & Pearson if you want 5 per cent money. Quick service.—Adv.  
 Mrs. M. Z. Morin of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, is a guest in the home of Gustave Pimonaal and Arthur Deschamps.  
 Handy scratch pads and water checks for sale at The Missoulian office.—Adv.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Payne McComb returned yesterday to their home in Lohrop after attending the poultry show in this city.  
 Mrs. F. M. Ingalls is here from Butte to spend Christmas with her daughter, Miss Mildred Ingalls, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ross.  
 S. W. Hudson, chiropractor. B. & A. Bldg. Any disease. Examination free.—Adv.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Morrell have as their guests during the holiday week Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ketchum and daughter, Miss Ketchum, of Helena.

## LOCAL SOCIETY

George Farrell and wife arrived here yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.  
 Gilbert McLaren left Missoula yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents at Hamilton.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Owens and Miss Marie Owens have gone to St. Ignace to spend Christmas with the two little boys who are attending school there.  
 Ray Dinmore, who is employed with the Milwaukee railway near Clarkia, Idaho, is in Missoula to spend the holidays with his mother and sisters.  
 Money to loan on ranch and city property. H. D. Fisher, 113 E. Main street.—Adv.  
 W. P. Bryan, who has been looking after his business in Trout Creek, is in Missoula for Christmas with his family at their home on Stephens avenue.  
 Miss Frances Dunning of Whitehall is the guest of the Misses Kate and Grace Palmer at their home, 204 East Pine street, for the Christmas vacation.  
 The little store with a great big wish—Martin's. We wish that your present Christmas be very pleasant and merry and that those of coming years will be increasingly happy.—Adv.  
 J. J. O'Neill and Miss Alice O'Neill, J. J. Foley and S. H. Schissler all of Butte, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Foley in this city for Christmas.  
 Miss Alpha Lindsey of Savage, Mont., who is a student in Montana college at Deer Lodge, has come to spend the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Theodore Lentz.  
 Mrs. Ferdinand Daves went to her home on the north side yesterday, quite recovered from an operation which she underwent about 10 days ago at St. Patrick's hospital.  
 Miss Clementina Gross, who teaches at Miller creek, is recovering from an illness of several weeks' duration at the home of her brother, Professor Gross, of the university.  
 See Miss Smith, 324 Daly avenue, for fancy dressmaking, up-to-date styles; first-class fit and finish. Satisfaction guaranteed.—Adv.  
 John Rodda of Phillipsburg applied yesterday for homestead entry on 160 acres of unsurveyed land in list 1-1340, sections 26 and 27, township 7 north, range 11 west. The application was suspended.  
 John Rodda, Jr., applied yesterday for homestead entry on 160 acres of unsurveyed land in list 1-1338, sections 26 and 27, township 7 north, range 11 west. The application was suspended.  
 All the beautiful hand-embroidered art pieces will be sold at actual cost in preparation for the spring lines. In 30 days new finished models will introduce the art work at Martin's novelty and style shop, back of Scandinavian bank.—Adv.  
 James Rodda of Phillipsburg filed application yesterday for homestead entry on 160 acres of unsurveyed land in list 1-1342, sections 26 and 27, township 7 north, range 11 west. The application was suspended.  
 An application was made for homestead entry by Sidney Rodda of Phillipsburg on 78.20 acres of unsurveyed land in list 1-1414, sections 29 and 31, township 7 north, range 16 west. The application was suspended.  
 William Mayer and daughter Helen of South Tacoma arrived here yesterday to spend the holidays with Mr. Mayer's daughter, Mrs. Walter Graham. Mr. Mayer was formerly a fireman on the Rocky Mountain division of the Northern Pacific, but is now employed in the shops of the company at South Tacoma.  
 Marvelous worker; cleans the blood, regulates the bowels, builds up the appetite; it's Hollister's R. M. Tea. 35c. George Freisheimer.—Adv.

## LOCAL SOCIETY

**Guid Notice.**  
 The Ladies' guild of the Episcopal church wishes to announce that the banquet planned for the evening of December 27, will not be served.

**Normal College Alumni.**  
 Misses Orpha Oneal, Verina Lindfors, Anna Rafferty, Marguerite Neeth and Cecil Dwyer met Monday afternoon at the home of Miss Clara Goodrich to arrange for the entertainment of alumni of the Montana Normal college during the meeting of the Montana State Teachers' association in Missoula this week. Trains will be met by a delegation of normal college alumni Wednesday evening, all day Thursday and Friday morning. Rest rooms will be open in Nos. 207 and 208 at the Palace hotel and there will be a complimentary luncheon Saturday noon for the visiting normal alumni.

**Reception to Teachers.**  
 Mrs. E. B. Craighead, assisted by some of the faculty ladies, of the university, will give a reception at her home on University avenue, Friday afternoon from 4 o'clock until 6. Her guests will be all the visiting teachers in attendance upon the state teachers' association, the city teachers and members of the faculty of the university. Because of the difficulty in reaching all the teachers with personal invitations, Mrs. Craighead wishes this announcement to be recognized as her invitation.

**Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau Entertain.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Trudeau entertained at dinner, Saturday evening, by way of a welcome to Miss Barbara Kain, who is a guest in the city for the holidays, and also as a farewell to Mrs. Lindley Ellis and Miss Katherine Hixus. Mrs. Ellis has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. K. Thompson in Missoula, while on her way from Iowa to her home in Vancouver. Miss Titus is on her way from Roman to her home in Marietta, Ohio. Covers were laid for nine guests at the charmingly appointed table. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau, with a party of friends, motored up the Bitter Root valley for kindergarten and other Christmas greens. The company had dinner at the Trudeau home upon their return.

**Connell-Leonard.**  
 Miss Anna Connell and Andy Leonard were married at 8 o'clock Monday evening in the Methodist church parsonage, Rev. J. W. Bennett performing the ceremony in the presence of a few intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will make their home in this city on Poplar street.

**Peterson-Person.**  
 Miss Amanda Peterson and Erick Person were married Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the manse of the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. N. Maclean, D. D., performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson went last evening to their ranch home near Potomac.

**Messenger-Card.**  
 Miss Donna Messenger of St. Regis and Burton E. Card of this city were united in marriage, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Peter Cyr, at 1125 Grand avenue. Rev. J. N. Maclean, D. D., performed the ceremony. Mr. and

# GREAT PRE-INVENTORY DISCOUNT SALE

Five days of slaughtering of prices in order to reduce our stock before taking our Annual Inventory.

**Sale Lasts 5 Days Only---December 26 to January 1**

With the exception of a few restricted articles and some lines which are specially priced, everything in our stock will be included in this big Discount Sale.

Silks, Dress Goods, Linings, Linens, White Goods, Wash Goods, Bed Spreads, Domestic of every kind and description; Bedding of all kinds, Lace Curtains, Portierres and all Draperies, Ribbons, Veiling, Neckwear, Belts, Bags, Jewelry Novelties, Fancy Combs, Barrettes, Scarfs, Laces, Embroideries, Dress Trimmings of all kinds; Underwear, Hosiery, Muslin Underwear, Corsets, Outing Gowns; in fact, everything in our Dry Goods department (Staple Notions and Drugs Sundries exempt) will go at a sweeping reduction of 20 per cent discount or ONE-FIFTH OFF THE MARKED PRICES

With the already low prices prevailing throughout our Dry Goods department, and with the cleanest and best stock in Missoula from which to make your selections, this Discount Sale should merit your careful attention.

## The Big Pre-Inventory Sale

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- Women's, Misses' and Children's Hats..... ONE-HALF OFF
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- Women's, Misses' and Children's Coats..... ONE-FOURTH OFF
- Women's and Misses' Silk or Wool Dresses..... ONE-FIFTH OFF

All other articles in the Ready-to-Wear department will be sold at a discount of 20 per cent, which means a saving of one-fifth on every article you purchase. Alterations charged for at actual cost to us.

## The Big Pre-Inventory Discount Sale

Holds out big inducements for economical buyers of clothing for men, young men and boys. Any suit or overcoat in the store will be sold at a discount of 25 per cent, which means a saving to you of one-fourth of the regular price.

Men's furnishings of all kinds will be priced at 20 per cent discount, one-fifth off the regular price. All hats or caps for men or boys will go at 20 per cent discount.

## Our Shoe Department

Contributes generously to the big bargains offered during this Pre-Inventory Discount Sale. Shoes for men, women and children are all included in the 20 per cent discount (except a few lots specially priced). You will consult your own best interests by buying a supply of shoes during this sale. Every pair of shoes in our stock included in this sale.

## Rubbers! Rubbers! Rubbers!

On all rubbers we will give a discount of 10 per cent during this sale. Prepare for the long season ahead and buy your rubbers now.

## GREETINGS!

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and to thank you for the very liberal patronage you have given us in the past. We hope to merit the same support in the year before us. We strive at all times to give you conscientious service and the best merchandise the markets afford at the lowest prices.

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Congregational Ladies.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ella Davis at her home, 535 South Third street. All members and friends of the church cordially invited to be present.

Christmas Dance.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coblin, 624 East Pine street, was the scene of a very pleasant entertainment Thursday night. In its characteristic yuletide decorations the house was made pretty and artistic and music and dancing were enjoyed until a late hour. At midnight delicious refreshments were served. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. S. Fravate, Mr. and Mrs. G. Collins, Mrs. Vouze, Misses L. McGee, G. Aylward, D. Smith, H. McNamara, Lolo Crane, E. McNamara, M. Worth, B. McNamara, Isabella Cobb, Messrs. Harry Crane, S. Frasier, J. Lakay and W. Clarke.

A Christmas Tree.

The members of the faculty of the Missoula county high school spent a merry evening at the home of Miss Edna Lezenberger. There was a brilliantly trimmed Christmas tree which bore gifts for all, most of the gifts being highly frivolous in design. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ketcham were host and hostess, but on account of the illness of their little son, they could not entertain in their own home. Delicious refreshments were a part of the evening's entertainment.

FIVE DECLARATIONS.

Five men, three native of Norway and two of Sweden, each filed a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States yesterday. The names given are William J. Kollstad, T. J. Olson and M. K. Nelson of Norway and Andrew M. Erickson and John E. T. Nelson of Sweden.

The Secret Terror.

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McDonald-Lewis.

Miss Alice McDonald of Quartz and Owen Lewis of this city were married at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the manse of the Presbyterian

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