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THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROSPERITY

The significant fact was brought out by Judge Gary of the U. S. Steel corporation the other day, that while the population of the United States has increased about 15 per cent since 1900, yet the production of steel has increased 300 per cent. While a good deal of steel has been exported, yet except during the war years the export market has taken a comparatively small part of the production. The great bulk of it has been sold at home to our own folks. The development of this industry measures to a large extent the prosperity of the country. If in 23 years, a typical industry like this can become four times as big, it suggests that the United States ought to be at the beginning of a splendid new era of prosperity. These 23 years have seen a most marvellous advance. Automobiles were in 1900 in an experimental stage, possessed by a tiny fragment of the population. Now they are so general that half or more of the families in the land possess them. They have seen farm machinery wonderfully perfected, until today people are leaving the farms because of over production. They have seen the ordinary working man provided with more luxuries and comforts than people of wealth had 100 years ago. The obstacles to prosperity are merely temporary. The national debt is heavy, but it is rapidly being reduced. At the worst it is not any great burden per capita to make interest and principal payments. The history of the past 23 years suggests that equally wonderful gains must be made in the next 23. There is no reason to think that such an amazing growth could take place for 23 years, and then suddenly stop and leave the country marking time for the years now coming on.

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE.

A practice which has been developing in late years, but is by no means as general as it might be, is the use of a live tree for Christmas. The tree, which is usually a fir but may be a pine, spruce, cedar or almost any other kind of evergreen, is dug up with the roots instead of being cut off close to the ground. The roots are usually wrapped in a burlap bag, containing enough soil for temporary protection, and the tree is planted in a tub or box by the purchaser. Sometimes the dealer sells the tree already in a tub, ready to set up in the house. Such a tree is naturally more beautiful than a dead tree. It remains firm, green and fragrant throughout the holidays, a genuine bit of forest brought into the house for the great winter festival. Afterward it is planted in the yard, to remain as a perpetual reminder of happy times, aside from its increasing usefulness outdoors for beauty and shade. Some families add a tree every year in this way, and little by little, acquire a small "Christmas tree forest" of their own. Others, after using their tree indoors and getting it to growing well in a convenient spot out in the yard, use it thereafter as an outdoor Christmas tree, decorated regularly with lights, tinsel, etc., and perhaps hung with gifts on Christmas morning. Children come to love such trees, in a way impossible with dead trees used briefly then consigned to the flames. It is a far more charming contribution to Christmas than some of our other recent innovations.

People complain in many cities that store clerks often get a little irritated and return sharp answers or seem inattentive. Here in Roseburg our store people are almost always courteous and obliging. However, it is well to remember that during the last two weeks before Christmas, they will have much extra work to do. If a salesperson is expected to wait on half a dozen people at once, the clerk naturally gets pretty tired and nervous. If in addition to that, customers show temper and find fault, it is hardly human nature for clerks to be absolutely calm and self-controlled. People who postpone their Christmas purchases until the last two weeks before the holiday, should do their shopping in a very good natured spirit, and not find fault if they fail to get the extra prompt service they can expect in Roseburg at other times.



Dear Folks:

Ed Smithers went to gay Paree, and liked it mighty well. One day he asked a waiter there for oysters on the shell. Now oysters served in sunny France, are not the same as here. Ed learned as much without delay, which didn't make him cheer.

"Horse radish I must get," said he. "Now what's the French for that?" The only words I seem to know are simple ones like cat. "Garçon?" he cried. "Now listen close to what I'm going to say. These oysters, well they're not so good. Horse radish s'il vous plait." "Je ne comprends," the waiter said with gestures of his hand. Which meant, "I'm very sorry sir, I do not understand." Ed tried again although his hopes were sinking in dismay. Said he, "Horse radish, radish horse, for oysters s'il vous plait."

Again the waiter shook his head and shrugged his shoulders too, which might have meant most anything in Frenchy parlayous. The more Ed tried to twist his tongue to make him understand, the more he'd say, "Je ne comprends," and how and wave his hand.

Said Ed, "I know the French for horse. Now get that in your head. And there's another thing I know, it's rouge is French for red. So stop your bowing down to me and smirking like a fish. But tell me, if you've any brains, just what is French for fish."

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

Bathe on the Week days
And you bathe alone
Bathe on the Week-end
The whole darn town
Bathes with you.

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS

Orthodox is new fangled docks for boats.

The Elluka Minstrels will get a lot off their chests next Monday and Tuesday nights.

More men are buried in rats right here in Roseburg than in the cemeteries.

Lets help pull 'em out of the rats folks, and assist them in seeing the light of day. Mebbe the moss on their backs will wither and blow away when exposed to the sunshine of good fellowship.

We hope none of the little boys of the village will catch Santa Claus kissing the cook and tell their maws about it.

The fog was heavier than usual this a. m. making navigation on the main stem, extremely perilous. The chief of police was out wearing goggles, equipped with a windshield-wipe and therefore was able to see his hand in front of his face.

Owin' to the shortage of bath soap in the town today, some of the folks will hafta use the sink brush tonight.

Just when we think we can make both ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

The man who is too lazy to work for a thing isn't going to get it by praying for it.

SONG OF THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

I've finished my Christmas shopping.
I've squandered my last red sou;
My wallet's flat,
But I don't mind that,
But thank the Lord, I'm through.

I've bought all the things I'd listed,
And a dozen or more beside,
'Twas a shame and sin,
How I blew in,
My coin this glad Yuletide.

My corn is about to kill me,
And my joints are stiff and sore,
My back feels lame,
And my weary frame,
Will ache for a week or more.

I've finished my Christmas shopping.
I've got all I'm going to get,
But I gravely doubt,
Had my roll held out,
If I would have been through yet!

The h. s. basketballs will frolic with the Myrtle Creekers tomorrow night and some of the fellers who looked so husky on the football field wearin' shoulder pads and such will look just as skinny when stripped for basketball.

The local home brewers association, organized for the purpose of creating less demand and more product, will meet tonight for the purpose of discussing whether brew can be stored in pastboard cartons as profitably as it can be canned in fruit jars.

A Hindoo magician is in the village with a lot of swell looking damels and we hope he don't make a mistake tonight and jab a sword through their gizzards.

We are anxiously looking forward to the time when Xmas has come and went and our pocketbook resumes normal proportions.

With turkeys at a new low price it is possible that a few of us will be able to secure a few feathers to make a duster for the house.

Tourists are still traveling through the village, some afoot and others on horseback.

Laurel Pickins Says:

"Given" sumthin' useful for Christmas usually costs too much."

\$2000 REWARD

For the basketball fan who doesn't get excited at the game Saturday eve. at the high school gym.

SUNDAY

Dine here
and
Dine well.
Best in
Town.

GRAND GRILL

ELKS MINSTREL SHOW IS READY

Tickets for Monday Night Almost Gone but Excellent Seats Remain for the Tuesday Night Performance

The final dress rehearsal of the Elks Purple and White Minstrels and "A Night in Gay Paree" will be held at the Antlers Theatre tomorrow morning, and then the big show on Monday night. The seat sale for the first night of the minstrels has broken all records for Roseburg and indications today were that "standing room only" will be at a premium. Some fine seats are left for the second night, Tuesday, and many are taking advantage by getting in early with their reservations. Those living outside of Roseburg should write in at once to the Antlers for reservations.

A regular minstrel jazz band will play in front of the theater at 7 o'clock on Monday night.

The burnt cork has been secured, the minstrel boys are all "hopped up" and if this year's Xmas Charity Show does not exceed all former ones, the News-Review critic misses his guess a mile.

If you want to do your bit in the Christmas charity work, get your tickets now, and if you want to enliven your life with some good laughter you had better reach in the jeans for the dollar, the price of one reserved seat.

The minstrel cast has worked long and hard and should be rewarded with a full house on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Little has been said about the "Night in Gay Paree" feature of the Elks Minstrels to be given on Monday and Tuesday nights. This musical comedy attraction, with special stage setting and lighting effects, is bound to be the big hit of the show. The "Million Dollar Beauty Chorus," those classy stoppers, are going to prance before the footlights in several dance numbers. Miss Elva Weizott, well known local soloist, will sing "Down in Maryland," a beautiful song hit. The chorus will appear in this number. Howard Simmons, singing "That Old Gang of Mine," appears in the Gay Paree show and this late number is one worth hearing. Never has there been so much music crammed into a local talent production. If it's music you like, you'll get it Monday and Tuesday nights.

BROCCOLI SEED FOR SALE

Not St. Valentine—Imported seed. Strain in about 10 days later than St. Valentine; heads self-protected; end snow white. The finest strain in existence. Price per pound, \$22.50; per ounce, \$1.50. Delivery about March. Orders taken for any quantity. Fred Schmidt, Dillard, Oregon.

LOCAL NEWS

Here Today—

E. Briggs of Myrtle Creek spent the day in Roseburg attending to business matters.

Here From Oakland—

Mrs. R. H. Manning who is a resident of Oakland was in town this afternoon shopping.

Here From Wilbur—

Ralph Sands and wife of Wilbur, spent the day in Roseburg shopping and attending to business matters.

From Canyonville—

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dubell spent several hours in Roseburg today shopping and attending to business.

From Riddle—

B. S. Nichols who is a resident of Riddle spent the day in this city looking after business interests.

In Town—

Archie Ferguson of Days Creek was in Roseburg today spending several hours attending to business.

On Business—

G. P. Brown and W. S. Schneider, representatives of the Horlicks Malted Milk company, who have been spending several days in Roseburg attending to business left today for

MICKIE SAYS—

"WHEN THE EDITOR OF A COUNTRY NEWSPAPER GOES HOME AT NIGHT 'N FOLKS HOLLER 'PRETTY GOOD PAPER TODAY!' WHY HE GETS SO PROUD 'N HAPPY HE WOULDN'T TRADE JOBS WITH 'TH' EDITOR OF 'TH' LONDON 'TIMES'!"



TAKE PRISONERS TO SALEM

Sheriff Sam Starnes and Deputy Ed Singleton, left this morning for Salem with Jack Connelly and Fred C. Schulte, ex-officers of Reedsport, convicted of accepting a bribe, and sentenced to terms of 10 and 7 years respectively in the penitentiary. Roberts was released from custody this morning following the arrival of his pardon signed by Governor Pierce. Roberts is returning to Reedsport.

San Francisco where they will spend some time.

In Town Shopping—Mr. and Mrs. Isom of Kelly's Korner were in town today spending several hours shopping.

On Legal Matters—A. C. Shaw, a land office attorney of Portland, is spending several days in this city attending to business matters.

In Town—

Mrs. George Burchard and daughter of Looking Glass spent the day in Roseburg shopping and visiting with friends.

From San Francisco—

F. W. Clifton of San Francisco is in Roseburg and will spend a few days in the city looking after business interests.

From Myrtle Creek

J. A. McCarthy who is a resident of Myrtle Creek was in the city today spending some time looking after business interests.

To Eugene—

J. A. Jacques of Glendale was in Roseburg today attending to business. Mr. Jacques is leaving for Eugene where he will spend several months.

Chaney Here Today—

J. R. Chaney who is a resident of Days Creek was in town today spending some time shopping and attending to other business.

To Portland—

Harry Wilcox, clerk in the Hotel Umpqua, left last night for Portland where he will spend about a week attending to business and visiting with friends.

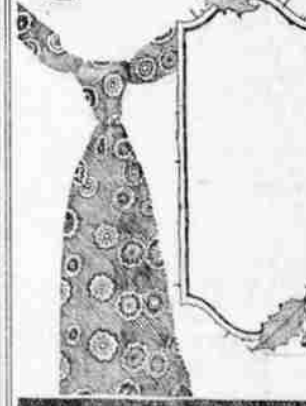
Here Today—

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Leatherwood who are residents of Umpqua were in this city today looking after business and shopping.

Returns Home—

Clara McCoy who has been spending the past few weeks in Portland receiving treatment, returned to her home in this city last night.

Give him what he wants a Grayco hand tailored Cravat



You'll find it easy to select a Tie for him out of our new stock of pure Silk and Silk and Wool Ties in Holiday Boxes.

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Everything for Men

Duds For Men

Unloading Sale

For two weeks we will give a

Discount of 25%

on any merchandise such as the Coast and Tires, sizes up to 35x5. The well known Haveland and Greases and some Auto Accessories.

We carry nothing but the best on the market and are protected by a most liberal guaranty. We have our own adjusting on all tires and tubes.

Buy something worth while for your car at the

The Ohman Garage and Tire Station

324 West Cass Street

EX-BANKER STARTS AT BOTTOM AGAIN

Worked Way Up From Humble Start Lost Out, Now He Uses the Pick Once More

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—From a pick and shovel to a banker and back again.

This is the experience of Pantaleone Mercurio of No. 177 Endicott street, North End. Today he is wielding a pick back where he started 32 years ago.

A short time ago he was one of the most powerful figures in North End's "Little Italy." Today he is just Pantaleone Mercurio.

After 32 years, he worked up from the bottom.

Turkeys Wanted

We want 1,000 fancy dressed turkeys to be delivered Tuesday, December 18. Will pay highest market price. Buyers have surely blundered in giving out all the orders to turkey growers. This advice has been copied and expected and would have paid a fair price now open for nothing. These so-called farmers' friends who have been getting the turkeys to ship out of the country will of the same breath that the East is full of cheap turkeys. We want our turkeys into a cheap market. It looks to us like a wonderful the birds at their own price and hold them for the Christmas which they think will be better. They have given us orders and dates for Turkey day that no one knows what to do. The Christmas turkey day should not be over a week before the day as it always has been. Anyway we have an order for the regular Christmas trade and as always before we have a cash price obtainable, considering all the bunk that has been

PEOPLES SUPPLY COMPANY

ROSEBURG, OREGON

AT THE PULLMAN

FOR ONE WEEK

From Sunday 1 p. m., Dec. 16 to

Sunday 1 p. m., Dec. 23

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Three or More Players

First Prize—\$8.50 Amber Cigarette Holder

Second Prize—Box Cigars.

Third Prize—Nickel Plated Cigarette Holder

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First Prize—\$15.00 Amber Pipe.

Second Prize—Box Cigars.

Third Prize—Nickel Plated Cigarette Holder