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THE CHILD AND THE TOY.

Unimaginative people may regard the child's Christmas toys as mere playthings, a means to keep his mind occupied so that he won't be bothering the family. There is something in that point of view. A kid with nothing to play with has got to find vent for his activity, and he may become a public nuisance. But toys right ly selected can be more than that. They are the tools with which the child makes his first impression upon the world. Except for some simple little duties, the small child can do little but dream he is a grown-up, and toys are his first attempt to realize his hopes of achievement. The boy sees the men digging in the street. He admires their power to throw up great heaps of earth. Ambition begins to grow. He takes his little tin pail and shovel and proceeds to dig in his sand box. He is really trying to emulate those muscular diggers out in the street. Tools with which boys and girls can play at work have their effect to develop the motive of industry, and get it started at an early age. Many boys made their beginning toward a successful technical career, as the result of the interest stimulated by a set of tools. Bats and balls, croquet sets, tennis rackets, and other equipment for games, both indoor and outdoor, start the little folks early on the paths of physical and mental development, and help them make their way in their own crowd. A well made mechanical toy should set a boy to thinking about the physical forces that make machinery act. The doll should arouse the motherly and housewifery instincts in the little girl, and so on. A toyless child not merely misses an element of child happiness, but something is lacking for his normal development.

A fine way to remember the poor and needy is to make a liberal contribution to the Salvation Army "kettle" conspicuously located on various street intersections of Roseburg. You can rest assured that any amount contributed will find its way into channels where it will do the most good. This worthy organization has the faculty of reaching out and giving assistance to the poor and needy in a way that brings Christmas cheer to thousands of homeless and friendless people.

Now that we have our fine street lighting system fully installed, let's not stop with one improvement. There's plenty of room for constructive work to make a better and bigger city out of Roseburg. Why not set a high mark for 1924 and reach the goal during the coming year.

There's plenty of fine Christmas presents left for the late shopper to make selections, so don't worry, hustle out and get 'em.

Even if the garage does take up considerable space in the back yard there should still be room for the sawhorse.

Our speechmakers will now proceed to demonstrate how expenditures can be increased and taxes lowered at the same time.

The political pot is beginning to simmer and will turn out some hard-boiled candidates, judging from present indications.

The politicians say they are going to lay their cards down on the table, but no harm will be done by searching their sleeves.

After inflating their paper money so they can't pay their debts, the Germans complain because they can't buy any food.

Big minstrel show tonight—something doing every minute from the time the curtain goes up until the gong rings.

We're in our last stretch to Christmas. This is the week that the last-hour shopper gets in his work.

Make it snappy—Christmas is only a week off.



Dear Folks:

An actor's life is one of work, of travel, fun and play. He stays in town a little while and then he goes away. So many faces he will see, of friends that he has won, that when he meets them on the street, he can't remember one.

Of all the words an actor dreads (on this they'll all agree.) There's nothing quite as hated as, "You don't remember me." They'll answer back, "Of course I do, why you're a friend of mine. Your name is—well at any rate you're surely looking fine."

One day an actor friend of mine was walking down the street when someone said, "Why hello Bill, how lucky we should meet!" "Oh yes," said Bill, "Well this is great, it's splendid as can be." The stranger shook his head and said, "You don't remember me." "Of course I do," said lying Bill, "Let's see, a year ago, I think we met in New Orleans, or was it Buffalo? At any rate you're looking fine." (Bill longed to turn and flee.) The stranger said, "You make me laugh, you don't remember me."

Then Bill grew mad and said, "You're right. And let me tell you this. I don't care who or what you are." (his words came in a hiss.) The stranger said, "Its time you learned, you would-be actor star. I'm brother Frank, why don't you write a letter home to ma?"

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Didja ever have
A cold in the head
And try to write
A column of humor?

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS

Vera Cruz is a Mexican senorita.

The Elluks minstrel fellers will perform this eve, ti being decided that moving targets cannot be easily hit, therefore the cast will move around quite a bit.

"WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE"

Here is a paragraph from a story called "The Mystery of the Vanished Hours," which appeared recently in the Chicago Tribune:
"She stepped into the bath, surrendered herself to the water's voluptuous familiarity. But the sensuousness of the embrace repelled her with its implication of luxurious security; seemed an alien and perfidious presence, in whose contact there was something low."

If anybody's cursed us,
Or shot at us,
And missed us,
We forgive 'em—
Because it's Christmas!

If anybody hates us,
And says bad things
About us,
We love 'em—
Because it's Christmas!

A realtor is a man who can divide a swamp into lots and make you imagine fine dwellings all over it.

Women's lines are charming. The only one we can't care for is the feline.

The college professor whose sons decide to take up plastering and bricklaying may not become a burden upon the public in his old age, after all.

A lot of people don't care anything about money—after they get a lot of it.

CHRISTMAS SAYINGS

The pessimist says it's a job put up by the storekeepers.

The optimist says it's the best time of the year.

The newlywed says he can get rid of some of his wedding presents.

Another excellent way to increase your earnings, during your spare hours is to get outdoors and play.

"Three-year-old Allan had been put to bed for his regular afternoon nap. While lying there trying to hold off the sandman his pet cat jumped upon the bed and remained there purring loudly. After gazing at it a few minutes Allan exclaimed, 'Hey, you! Why don't you shut off your motor when you're standing still?'"

There's a skatin' rink in the village and quite a few of the town folks who haven't been on a skate for quite a while are now "doing their stuff."

Life in Mexico is just one darn revolution after another.

Quite a few of the town folks are wondering if their weed supply will last until spring.

A cuspidor is what men take shots at and miss.

The world keeps getting faster. You can get married in two minutes and drink yourself to death in one.

Divorce court records tend to show that love, while still prevalent in a lighter form, is no longer incurable.

Many a man who worked up from the bottom has a son who is working down from the top.

Many are the painted and dolled up daughters of today that are sitting back rocking to and fro in the parlor while mother boils cabbage and fries bacon in the kitchen.

She's cross-eyed and knock-kneed
And both her feet turn in.
She chews her gum, powders her nose
And wears a sickly grin.
She sits around and wags her tongue.
And all she says is time,
She hasn't the speed like the other girls,
But she gets there just the same.

When we aren't favorably impressed upon first meeting certain people it never occurs to us what poor dubs they might think we are.

Vibration kills pain, experts declare. This will be good news to trolley riders.

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USE IT NOW.

(By Wickes Wamboldt.)

When I was a young fellow my chum and I went on a hunting and camping trip. Among the various good things to eat that we took along was a large jar of delicious baked beans—the kind that is nicely browned on top, you know, with a delectable piece of pork. My mother cooked them especially for the occasion and it seems to me nobody ever could bake beans as my mother does.

When we reached our camp site in a great swamp at the head of a Florida river, we eyed those beans hungrily. We were passionately fond of beans, my chum and I. So much so, that we voted to save those beans until our stay in the woods had whetted our appetites to the keenest possible edge.

Each day that passed found us hungrier for those beans. At last we decided the crucial moment had arrived. We opened the jar and found the whole business had spoiled.

We had waited too long. We had waited until the thing we prized had lost its usefulness. People do that sort of thing many times and in many ways.

I knew a young sales manager. He had worked out a system for running his business that he considered unique and valuable. The firm with which he was connected asked him to install this system in one of their branch offices in another section of the country. He refused because he did not want his methods copied, and thereby incurred the displeasure of the head of the firm.

Within six months he had grown out of his environment and entered a larger field of usefulness. It was then that he looked back with rather a feeling of self-contempt for the smallness of vision that had led him to think that he must safeguard the little he knew. We do not need to worry too much about our little knowledge of the minute. If we are going to grow as we ought to grow, they will be kindergarten stuff to us in twelve months.

Writers sometimes think of an idea which they feel is too big and too rich to be employed in the immediate circumstances. They store it away jealously until the great moment shall arrive when they can use it to the best advantage. Then, when time has rolled on, they dig up their carefully buried thought treasure and find it is shrivelled and worthless. They then wish they had used it when it looked big to them and was big for them.

When things come to us they had better be used, else we find their time has passed, like last year's calendar.

Manna is to be freely used, as freely given. When hoarded the worms eat it.

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OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Albany—Mountain States Power Co. voluntarily cuts electric light and power rates approximately 15 per cent.

Pacific Northwest winter wheat shortage passes 3,000,000 for first time.

Klamath Falls—Officials of the California-Oregon Power company authorize immediate construction of a half-million dollar power plant on Link river with a capacity of 4500 horse power.

Roseburg planning a \$18,000 library building.

Klamath Falls—Several thousand otherwise useless horses to be manufactured into chicken food.

Portland tax levy reduced from 44.55 mills to 39.45 for next year.

Marion county slashes budget 58,716 below 1923.

Coast power line to be constructed between Garibaldi and Manhattan.

Detroit road to be built by county and forest service.

State tax levy for 1924 will be \$12.277 below 1923.

Helix dedicates new high school.

Astoria-Work starts on new 4-story Higgins-Warner-Njemi building.

Astoria had exports valued at \$975,000 during October, gain of 30 per cent over Sept.

The Dalles—Work being pushed on new telephone building.

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Klamath Falls will build new jail.

Portland—Y. M. C. A. takes 99-year lease on quarter block for new \$50,000 home.

Oregon City—S. P. to rebuild station here.

Grants Pass—\$30,000 being expended on development of gold claims near here.

Stayton to gravel Third street.

Springfield—Booth-Kelly sawmill undergoing extensive repairs.

Hood River—U. S. forest service will build road from Mt. Hood highway loop to snow line.

Grants Pass—New electrically equipped mill of Marble Mountain Lumber Co. ready to start operations.

Klamath Falls let 49 building permits in November.

Extension of O. W. R. & N. tracks from Grants to Burns, 32 miles, to be completed by July 1, at cost of \$1,600,000.

Netarts installing new water system.

Salem—Construction starts on \$35,000 girls' dormitory at Chemawa Indian school.

Clatskanie to rush work of laying Main street sewer.

The collector of customs reports that a total of \$1,636,243 feet of lumber passed out of the river during the month of October. Of this amount 37,470,102 feet were handled by 51 vessels which were loaded in the lower river district, while the remainder was taken care of by 44 vessels loading at the up-river mills.

Forest Grove—\$15,000 Masonic temple to be erected next year.

Central Oregon lumber cut 27 per cent over 1922—284,350,000 ft.

Grants Pass—New sawmill starts cutting on Cheney creek.

Newburg putting in new water supply from Reynolds springs.

Tillamook county voted "No" on every special tax proposition.

Salem—7 out of 10 state institutions reduce per capita cost in November.

Blond school census shows 9,000 population.

Oregon spent \$11,000,000 on highways in 1923.

La Grande—More than 20 local radio fans organize club here.

Portland—Pendleton Woolen Mills Co. to build \$48,000 distributing warehouse here.

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NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

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Precipitation in ins. and Hundredths

Highest temperature last night... 50

Lowest temperature last night... 48

Precipitation last 24 hours... 0.0

Total precip. since first of month 2.75

Normal precip. to date... 1.00

Av. precip. from Dec. 1 to date... 1.00

Total deficiency from 1922... 0.00

Av. precip. for 1923... 1.00