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THE WAY WE LOSE MONEY.

Money is not a commodity, it is a medium for the exchange of commodities. (And "commodities" means either goods or labor.) Under proper conditions, a man who pays out money does not part with anything; he merely gives up something that he has received for value in some previous transaction and receives value back again.

So long as this circle is unbroken—goods for money and money for goods—the balance of trade, so far as this man is concerned, is maintained. He has not only a place in which to buy but also a place in which to sell, for the money is at hand to serve as the medium either way.

But suppose he buys a commodity and pays money therefor. And suppose a little later he has a commodity of his own to sell in order that he may have his money returned to him. And now suppose the money has disappeared. Then, if the money has left the community, the community cannot buy his goods.

It may be the man himself is to blame. It may be that he has fallen into the habit of sending his money away to some distant community when he desired to buy commodities and has been unreasonable enough to expect it to be close at hand to serve as the medium of exchange when he desires to sell. In other words, he has furnished some other community with the medium of exchange instead of keeping the medium of exchange in his own community where it will be available when he requires its services.

That seems very foolish. What makes the man do it?

PERSONALS.

Mrs. H. E. Remillard was in the city from Elgin. She returned today.

A. M. Patterson left today for Nebraska, where he will visit during the winter.

Geo. Rohrdend of Pendleton was in the city the guest of Mr. Ham of La Grande.

Miss Pound of Umatilla passed through La Grande today after a trip to the Wallowa country.

W. L. Lay and children Bendline and Thurston of Joseph were in La Grande visiting relatives and friends,

returning to their home on the branch today.

Mrs. Weyburn of Portland arrived here today to speak at the local Methodist church tomorrow.

Frank Metcalf of Union, Floyd Pierce of Hot Lake and E. H. Hall of Wallowa are guests of the Foley.

Tom Duncan of La Grande went to Pendleton today in the interests of the grocery business.

Mrs. Franc Wilhelm leaves this evening for Portland where she will transact business matters and visit with friends.

Rev. J. M. Dressler of the lumber Methodist church returned today from the Methodist district conference at Prairie City.

Mrs. Bert Johnson of Elgin, Bruce Cox of Wallowa and Aubrey G. Smith of Elgin are stopping at the Sommer hotel today.

Miss Hazel Welch of Alicel went to her home this morning to spend the week end. She is attending the La Grande high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Purcell of Eckley, Colorado, arrived here this morning with a view of making La Grande their future home.

David Zimmerle, treasurer of the Grande Ronde Orchard company, arrived in La Grande from Seattle and intends to remain here for the next two weeks.

Alf. N. Christiansen, employed by Jack Oliver, went to Pendleton today on business, intending to be gone over Sunday.

Attorney A. W. Schaupp of Joseph was in the city attending sessions of the circuit court. Mr. Schaupp bought out the business of Jerry Rusk formerly of Joseph, now of La Grande.

Mrs. L. A. Goodin who has been visiting her son, L. E. Goodin, who is operating the P. A. McDonald ranch near La Grande, returned this morning to her home in Wallowa.

Frank O'Boyle, a former engineer running out of La Grande passed through the city last night on his way to Kansas where he intends to spend some time visiting his mother.

Anna Doering of Tygh Valley, Oregon, near The Dalles, arrived in the city to take in the Rosary here at the Steward next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. H. F. Tyler of Walsburg, Wn. made connections in La Grande for Elgin where she intends to spend a number of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hooper. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hamilton of Corvallis.

Mrs. J. O. Anderson and Mrs. W. M. Evans stopped off in La Grande this morning to visit their brother, C. W. Wright. They have been visiting their mother in Union and are now on their way to Lewiston and Lane, Idaho, respectively where they live.

Will Hall is back from Portland where he has been in the capacity of witness for the federal government in a land stealing case. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Lane. Both stopped off in La Grande before returning to their home in Durkee.

C. F. Johnson of Enterprise returned this morning from North Dakota where he had gone with his little daughter Rilla to spend the winter. The weather proved too severe. When he left, the thermometer registered 40 below zero and Mr. Johnson

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on many short lines to make room for arrival of spring merchandise.

reasoned that the weather and opportunities for a mechanic in the Grande Ronde valley were better than there and returned.

Changed Times.

In a meadow a half dozen young women golf players were practicing putting. They looked very smart in their trim golf suits, their skirts of rough homespun and their scarlet jackets. An old farmer and one of his farm hands approached.

"Boss," grumbled the farm hand, "them girls in the medder is scarin' our cows."

The old farmer shook his head and sighed.

"Ah, Timothy," he said with profound truth, "times is changed since I was young. In them days the cows scared the gals."—Washington Star.

The Troubles of a Giant.

George Cumberland saw the famous giant Obrian Boro in the Strand in London in 1784, and in "The Cumberland Letters," edited by Clementina Black, gives this note on him: "His hand, from the ball of his thumb, actually measures eleven inches and a half and is large in proportion. When I stood up I could just with my forefinger touch the bottom of his chin—in a word, he is eight feet three inches high, and his bones are in proportion large—but the poor devil seems to be dying for want of air and exercise. He is nineteen years of age and expects to be nine feet high."

Curious Russian Law.

Russia has a law which to outside ob-

jects on theft by which stolen goods become the property of the thief if he can prove that he has had possession of them for over five years. In the thieves' market—which is, of course, licensed by the police—goods that admittedly have been stolen more than five years before are openly offered for sale, and the place is a veritable Mecca for the light fingered gentry and their enterprising friends, as also for the more honest members of society, who secure many a tempting bargain.

Solid Ivory.

"Yes," confessed Mr. Dorkins, "it serves me right. I suggested the man to move our goods and I forgot to ask him how much he was going to charge me for the job. If ever I do such a thing again, Maria, you can have my head for a football."

"It would be a good deal more profitable," John said Mrs. Dorkins, "to cut it up into billiard balls."—Chicago Tribune.

CHRISTMAS POSTALS BURNED.

Dead Letter Office Destroyed 178,000 Last Year.

The dead letter office in Washington last year destroyed 178,000 picture postcards. The majority of them carried Christmas greetings and were held as unmarketable because either the postage was not prepaid or the cards bore mica or tinsel ornaments and were mailed in unsealed envelopes.

The transmission of cards with mica or tinsel decoration is forbidden by the postal regulations because in the past the eyes of employees were injured by handling them.

The Christmas Present.

A plague on him who sourly dubs The custom overdue. For every Christmas gift contains All presents rolled in one.

It takes the faith in things unseen Most wonderful to think, In reindeer journeys over roofs While stars look down to wink.

It takes the hope which ever springs In high and lowly found, The optimism and the trust That make the world go round.

And, last, it calls for charity The present to enhance, But if from giver or givee Depends on circumstance. —McLendon Wilson in New York Sun.

Christmas Flowers.

Flowers always make a lovely gift and will keep fresh several days if the following precautions are taken:

Dip the ends of the stems in melted paraffin wax and carefully wrap the flowers with slices of cotton. Line the box with waxed paper, being careful to leave plenty to fold over the flowers.

Place them in the box, cover over with the paper, wrap with several thicknesses of brown paper and they are ready to express.

An Able Manager.

A western senator was telling a story about an able campaign manager. "He is a remarkably economical chap," said the senator. "He can make a dollar go further in a campaign than any man I know. They tell a story about him—a story that shows what a manager he is. It seems he went into a cigar store one day to get a light. Well, as he was lighting up a man entered and bought three five-cent cigars. As soon as the man left our friend said quickly: "Those cigars are six for a quarter, ain't they?"

"Yes, sir," said the salesman. "Our friend laid down a dime. "Gimme," he said, "the other three then."—New York Tribune.

Why Salves Can't Cure Eczema

Since the old-fashioned theory of curing eczema through the blood has been given up by scientists, many different salves have been tried for skin diseases. But it has been found that these salves only clog the pores and cannot penetrate to the inner skin below the epidermis where the eczema germs are lodged. This—the quality of penetrating—probably explains the tremendous success of the well known liquid eczema remedy, oil of wintergreen, thymol, glycerine, etc., as compounded in D.D.D. Prescription. We have sold other remedies for skin troubles but none that we can recommend as highly as this for we know that D.D.D. stops the itch at once. We can give you a trial size bottle for 25 cents that will be enough to prove it. Of course all other druggists have D.D.D. Prescription—go to them if you can't come to us—but don't accept some big profit substitute. But if you come to our store, we are so certain of what D.D.D. will do for you that we offer you a full size bottle on this guarantee:—If you do not find that it takes away the itch AT ONCE, it costs you not a cent.

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