

GIFTS for the HOLIDAYS

TWENTY-SIX DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

NOV. 29



"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
"I'm going shopping, kind sir," she said. "for every day that I delay means more trouble. So I'm on my way."

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Each year we have urged early shopping—for your convenience and satisfaction—you will find all stocks more complete now and more time for selecting pleasing gifts for your friends.

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EFFICIENCY GREAT NEED

The teachers' institute is over for a year. Many and learned men and women voiced their ideas on the newer problems in education and most of the teachers took home with them a broader and more dignified view of the profession of teaching. All of the meetings had an air of feeling that much of our education is now in the balance. Theories that had been promulgated a decade ago have now had time to prove themselves in fact and experience. There was an air of uncertainty about some ideas and an air of assurance about others. Some are still conservative

in their theories and the newer generation is unstintingly in favor of all the late methods. It seems that most all education nowadays is tending to the intensely practical. If the school fails to make its graduates breadwinners from the time they leave school, it has missed its sublime object. Others say our modern business world is the product of the schools, and that should be ample proof that the system is not at fault. Typewriting and stenography are now taught in school which a few years ago was left severely to the business schools.

Today there is a new machine on the market called a stenotype, which bids fair to cause further changes in the school curriculum. Manufacturers of this latest speed annihilator claim for it that its operators are receiving from 50 to 75 per cent more in salary than the ordinary stenographer.

Where will the end be? So rapidly is this this old world of ours moving, so keen has business become that every inventive genius is studying to make some kind of machine that will do anything but talk. The adding machine has the edge on rapid calculation and without the slide rule the present day engineer would be lost in a maze of figures. By making certain movements on a marked rule this rule will add, multiply, divide, work in logarithms, square and cube roots and do a thousands and one other things that will do away with lead pencils and tablets. And plead as we will they are here to stay and have proved themselves so mechanically accurate that no business of any proportion can be found without one or the other contrivance suited to its business. But with all this there are some

things which cannot be learned with a machine, some things which cannot and will not develop those traits that make a man a man in art or literature without which his old world of ours would be more than prosaic

In all study it should not be forgotten that while the child is acquiring knowledge it is at the same time forming a habit that will stick to the child through every walk of life. It is a big point and one which in this age of impatience is likely to creep creep into all kinds of work. Dr. Ackerman, in his address, made the point that study should be prosecuted with the aim of mastery in view. That's the point exactly and one that deserves more than passing notice. If the teacher in a room allows the children to go over their work rapidly without allowing them to experience the enthusiasm that comes from the mastery of any kind of a problem, they are not only failing to get the subject, but what is of vastly more importance they are cultivating the vicious habit of being satisfied with things done only in a sloven and mediocre way. But this day and age requires proficiency. Every magazine is preaching efficiency, and if the student does not get the incentive toward mastery in schools much of the time spent on school benches is lost. Even machines may be operated carelessly and with all of the devices to eliminate hard work, machines have to be operated carefully. Relatively speaking many of the things learned in school will be forgotten or never user, but the habit of tackling a subject, that grim determination not to be satisfied with a problem until mastered is the one that will characterize John and Wary when they unite hands at the altar and start to battle for an existence as man and wife.

As old as the proverb is "that things well begun are half done," it is perhaps more applicable in this day and age of speed than in any previous century. Our national sin is "aim for quantity." But a bad cook may spoil a big turkey.

WHERE BENEFACTORS DERIVE PLEASURE

Many a kind word is said about Pat Foley and George Young for the banquet they gave the poor children on Thanksgiving day. They are deserving of all the kind things that may, or will be said of the affair, because the whole undertaking has that air of good will in it, that feeling of good fellowship which makes for good in many directions. Both of these young men are now in the prime of life and are sufficiently near to their own days of frolic to feel keenly the joy that must have been in the heart and breast of every youngster. These men in a concrete way did what many a man or woman thought most fitting. They did it without solicitation of funds from anybody and the affair was all their own. The impressions that the boys and girls will carry with them

through life will not be complete without the scenes of this day. And it may be safely said that if either of them never did anything in the future deserving of any special mention—but that is a violent presumption—this one act alone would always link the memories of the past in the minds of these young beneficiaries.

It was done without ulterior motive, no gain was to be made, it was done completely and without stinginess, it was done for the joy and the pleasure that comes from doing things unselfishly; the men had an immediate reward in catching joy and enthusiasm that young folks spread about them. All told it was a commendable affair and the Observer joins in the thanks and the good will which all citizens of the city are bestowing on benefactors of such caliber, for in doing this one act, much good will be reflected on the city in general, and that is one of the things all of us will be proud of.

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La Grande, Oregon

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Buy a whole box. Don't be short on the 'smokes' when your friends come in.

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