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ON GIVING AND GETTING AT CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is the one time of the year when most men invest something for a fond relative or a friend in the hope that the gift will give them cheer and make the ties of relationship or friendship dearer. In some instances men are actuated by a selfish motive. They will think of some gift for a friend because they are of the opinion that that very friend will come back with a similar donation, and they are thus enabled to avoid the appearance of being tight-fisted. In cases of this kind the giving of a keepsake, tied with a condition has no value and the giver had better hold on to his money. It constitutes merely a change and brings the fake donor no real pleasure. Why then give what a person has no real intention of giving? It is more in the spirit than in the article itself. If calculations hail the donor regrets the outlay, and is then inclined to call his supposed friend all kinds of unfriendly names much to his discomfort.

To get the real, genuine benefit from giving, one should do it in a spirit of has the right unalloyed attitude in utter unselfishness. To prove that one this respect it is good to give something to those from whom one could not expect anything in return. The scriptures are full of admonitions regarding this spirit and have embodied the wisdom of the ages in the phrase that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Many young men are far from home. They will not be able to gather around the festive table and share the bounties of father and mother, and add their quota to the good cheer that should fill every household on this great day. This does not mean that they cannot do something to make this day of all days merry for a declining father or a fond mother who watched over them in their infancy, worked unceasingly during their adolescent period, made many and difficult sacrifices, and strove to make them good sons and daughters. Many a poor mother's heart bleeds on this day for the want of a line from her darling boy. In many instances just a line will answer the purpose.

There is hardly a man or woman in this valley of plenty who could not insert this bit of lace or that little bit of jewelry in a small package with a bright colored Christmas stamp on it to make the heart of some one to whom he owes a great debt, happy instead of sad.

It is seldom known that a generous

giver goes without something on this day to make him or her supremely happy. Many engagements are broken for the lack of a small remembrance on this day. Many a mother gives her son up as lost to all her good teachings for the want of a word of blessing. It is the easiest task to perform and with the spirit of giving in the air the man or woman who is forgetful on Christmas day, nothing much can be said to extenuate the fault.

AMERICAN ATHLETICS.

Attention is frequently called to the supremacy of Americans in athletics. Americans have been leading the world for nearly a generation in practically every branch of athletics work. The World's Work points out the fact that in Olympic contests held to date Americans have won 92 out of 143 events, making the number of victories more than those for all the rest of the world together.

Many reasons are given in explanation of this but the most noteworthy reason and one which we have not seen pointed out has been recently illustrated in the selection of Governor Tener of Pennsylvania as president of the National Baseball league. A large share of the success of American athletics is due to the class of Americans interested in them—the men who are the athletes and the men who promote athletics.

In America, athletics are entered into with the same spirit, that characterizes every other undertaking here, large or small. The goal is always success. Nothing short of it is satisfactory. Competition is as keen as it may be expected to be in any business venture and handicaps are an incident rather than a stumbling block. Whether it is baseball, football, tennis, hard hitting, running or jumping the spirit is the same. Money is never spared, the services of experts are made available and every scientific detail is worked out. The sports that are organized draw their leaders from among leaders of men who have proved themselves as such. Whether it is business, politics or sport, they are leaders with capabilities to master one branch as well as another.

So the National Baseball league has chosen the governor of one of the largest and wealthiest states of the union to be the head of its organization and will pay him a salary a third as large as that paid to the president of the United States. He will act as president of the league while he is still governor of Pennsylvania, but will draw no pay for his services until the commonwealth ceases to pay him as governor.

The World's Work makes the interesting comment that many of the school boys of today are able to surpass the proud achievements of professional athletes of the '80's and '90's. Man, the animal, is stronger and larger of stature. If steel armor again came into fashion, the armor now in the museums would be placed in the boys' clothing section of the modern department store. And of the man animal, larger and stronger and swifter than any of his ancestors, the American breed is superior.

For Sale or trade, a complete movable road building outfit; could also crush, wash and screen gravel for concrete; consist of crusher, elevator, rock bin, electric motor, horse roller, three dump boxes, one grader. First cost \$4100—now \$1450; in good condition.

J. L. MARS.

CHILDREN WHO ARE SICKLY

Mother who value their own comfort and the welfare of their children, should never be without a box of Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, for use throughout the season. They Break up Colds, Relieve Feverishness, Constipation, Teething Disorders, Headache and Stomach Troubles. Used by Mothers for 24 years. THESE POWDERS NEVER FAIL. Sold by all Drug Stores, etc. Don't accept any substitutes. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Oimsted, La Roy, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

DON'T GO TO A BLACKSMITH for glasses. Get them of Hancock, a specialist in making and fitting glasses. Foley Bldg.

Christmas China for sale at Blanche Clark's studio, 906 Main. 12-10 to 12-24

Notice

E. F. Buck has changed his stand from Haisten's store to Kemp's and can be reached by calling Red 101. Also orders for 16-inch dry cord wood. Piano moving with a guarantee that pianos will be moved right. Honest service in all kinds of hauling and transfer. Home phone Red 3662. 11-22-ede-1m

The party taking a gray overcoat from the Andrews auto at Perry, on Monday night, will avoid serious trouble by returning the same to the Red Cross drug store. 2t.

Mary Kurdy of Walla Walla, is here for a few days with her line of fancy work. She is stopping with Mrs. Ralston on Adams avenue. 12-10-31.

The Evening Observer on sale at Newlin's Book Store.

George Kemp, dealer in new and second hand goods, upholstering and repairing done. Phone Red 101. 1420 Adams ave. 10-4 tf.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Nibley of Portland, left for that city this noon, after visiting at the home of their father and father-in-law, respectively.

M. J. Buckley, general manager for the O. W. in the city, registered at the Foley.

F. J. Dollard, representing the Aetna Life Insurance company, is in the city auditing the books of the Security Land and Trust company. Tomorrow he will go to Elgin to audit the books of Jesse Crum, the local agent at that place.

Professor Mazanta returned this

Coffee.

Dead coffee means stale—its life, the flavoring essence partly gone and partly spoiled.

Schilling's Best cannot die—protected against that which kills: exposure to air and odors.

In aroma-tight cans, cleanly granulated; moneyback.



Now on Display at this Store

New Line of Popular Parisian Ivory

Our assortment includes many attractive designs in Toilet Sets and single pieces. We want you to compare our prices and quality before making a selection.

Chief Joseph Indian Blankets

A wonderful array of pretty designs and beautiful colorings. A better blanket for less money.

Large Blankets \$5.00 and \$7.50 Small Blankets \$1.50 and \$2.00

Visit Our Toy Display in Balcony

We're Sole La Grande Agents for the famous

Steiff's Imported German Toys

Lifelike and unbreakable

Silk Hosiery

For Men and Women
50c to \$1.50 Pair.

West
THE QUALITY STORE

Fownes Gloves

For Both Men and Women
\$1.50 Up.

noon from North Powder, where he furnished the music for a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tally of North Powder, arrived this noon to transact business matters.

MASTER FILM HERE.

"Last Days of Pompeii," to Be Shown One Night Only.

Tonight La Grande will see "The Last Days of Pompeii." It is admitted everywhere to be the greatest film ever produced, but will be shown only one night, at the Arcade. The picture is here now, fresh from Portland and arrangements for several shows tonight to accommodate all, have been made.

This new production is a photo dramatization of Lord Bulwer Lytton's famous novel of the same title and adheres closely to the text. The pa-

thetic, yet hopeless love story of the lovely blind flower girl, Nydia, is related in pictorial detail and finds a sympathetic response in every heart. All the wondrous beauties of the ancient city of Pompeii and its surroundings, so thrillingly described in achievements of the age.

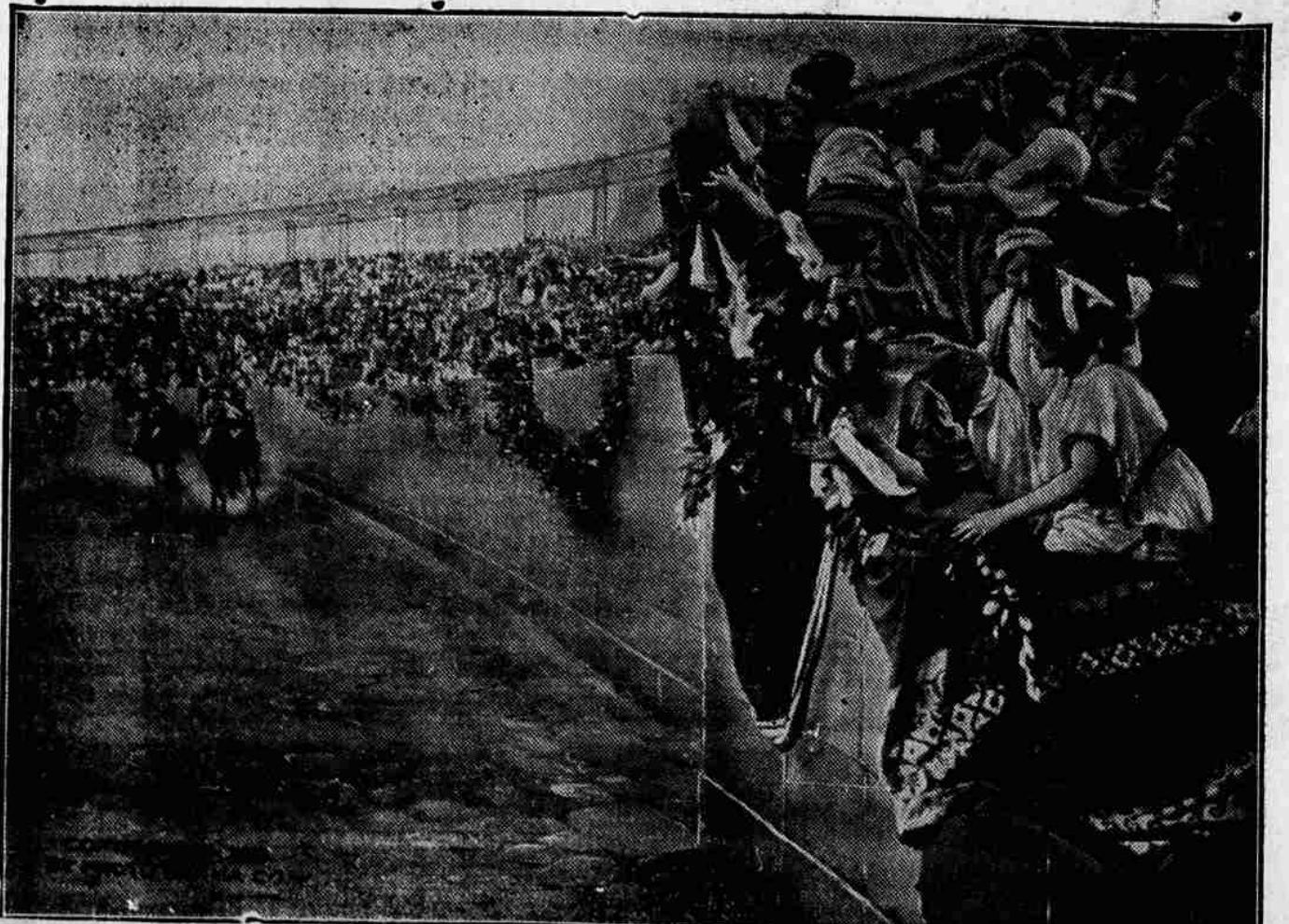


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Phone Main 796

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Total Resources \$1,000,000.00

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