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MR. AINSWORTH'S PLAN.

John C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National bank, of Portland, is an able financier, a shrewd business man, and a patriotic citizen of Oregon.

Here is what Mr. Ainsworth writes: "A ten-million dollar bond issue for the state of Oregon, financed on a 3 3/4 to 4 per cent basis, with a proper state organization, and expended in a comprehensive scheme, extending over a period of 3 to 5 years, would, in my judgment, do more for Oregon than any other half dozen enterprises toward which we might lend our energies."

and thirdly, match the federal appropriation from the new Shackelford bill, which would bring \$250,000 additional, thus furnishing a fund of about \$1,100,000 a year indefinitely for permanent state highway construction, which many of our more conservative people believe is all we can economically expend in any one season, naturally limited by our climatic conditions to six or seven months' work."

The plans of Mr. Ainsworth and his associates seem to us well balanced and practical.

MR. BRYAN'S MESSAGE.

We disagree with William Jennings Bryan on some things, but we find we are in sympathy with him in his message to David Lloyd George: "As a friend of the nations at war, as a Christian and a lover of humanity, I respectfully, but most earnestly appeal to you to use your great influence to secure your government's consent to negotiations."

"There is no dispute that must necessarily be settled by force. All international disputes are capable of adjustment by peaceful means. Every guarantee that can be possibly be secured by war can be stated as a condition precedent to peace."

"Do not, I pray you, by refusing an exchange of views assume responsibility for a continuation of the unparallelable horrors of this unparalleled conflict. Your decision may mean life or death to millions."

Mr. Bryan's message is friendly in tone and has the ring of sincerity and a feeling for humanity.

PROTECT OUR FOOD.

The Rogue River fisheries question is going to bob up again to bother the legislature.

The sportsmen of the upper river want to close up two canneries on the lower river to make fishing good for them.

This is unreasonable. Just now the people need food; canned salmon is good and cheap. The legislature should look after the interests of all the people and not those of a few.

COLEN V. DYMENT PROMOTED.

Colen V. Dymont, of the University of Oregon, has been promoted to become dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Washington. Mr. Dymont was a former Portland newspaper man. He is a gentleman and a scholar and will make good in his new position.

CORNMEAL.

Cornmeal is coming back into its own as food. Someone says three cents worth of cornmeal is worth two loaves of bread. If we keep on making discoveries we will solve the high cost of living. Cornmeal is a delicious food and with milk or cream is a dish fit for the gods. Cornmeal bread and muffins cannot be beat.

JOHN M'GUIRE.

John McGuire, ex-superintendent of the Astoria, Columbia & North Bank is dead in Portland. He was a good railroad man and endeared himself to thousands of patrons and employees by his gentility, fairness and efficiency.

Now is the time to finish your Christmas shopping.

Picked Up By The Stroller

I really must do my Christmas shopping today.

Buffalo Bill Ill.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Buffalo Bill is seriously ill here, suffering from a general breakdown.

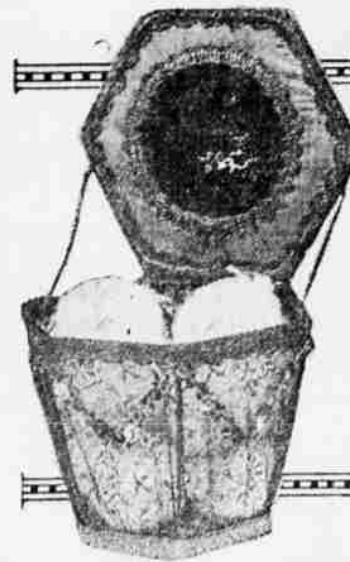
Christmas at the White House. Washington, Dec. 18.—(Special)—President and Mrs. Wilson will spend Christmas at the White House.

Gifts FOR SISTER

L OWELL touched the very heart of the Christmas spirit when he said: "The gift without the giver is bare."

To women inclined to save this year on Christmas giving hand work and the making of gifts will be a welcome solution. Stamped waists, corset covers, nightgowns and negligees are interesting for this line of gifts.

For a powder puff buy this hexagonal basket, cardboard covered with gold lace and wreathed with tiny flowers. The applicators are absorbent cotton, and a tiny mirror is fitted on the lid. Photograph records make desirable



gifts, but here one steps on sacred ground. Music giving isn't so difficult as picture giving, but it requires thought. Be sure you know what sort of music your sister cares for before you buy, whether the newest waltz or her favorite from opera.

Surely if sister is athletic nothing could please her more than a handsome pair of skating boots, tan calf, cut high and low laced. Skates attached would be a gift edged gift despite steel runners.

Jewelry is always acceptable if well chosen. There are plenty of necklaces



to choose from, and an imitation pearl strand with a fancy clasp is only \$5, and a very long string of smaller sized pearls can be had for the same price. Little pressed rose necklaces of varied colors, to match colored blouses, are only 15 cents.

Fine quality of stationery and a card plate are other hints that might meet sister's pleasure.

If a color is chosen it should be the palest tint. A delicate gray is much used; also a pale blue and lavender. Young girls will doubtless like the barred papers in self tones or the border a tone deeper than the tint of the paper.



In such cases the printing can be done in the shade of the border or a deep tone of the paper.

For little sisters is a very good line of paint books entirely different from the kind that children used to have and that one merely covered over with colors. These books are arranged so a child who shows signs of talent may really gain the first ideas of painting in a pleasant and easy manner. These books are various prices. A good one may be had for 50 cents.

Costume dolls are always a joy, and this Japanese lady in her gorgeous robes will endear herself to small maidens despite the line of rag dolls.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Paper Takes a Jump.

Print paper took another 25 per cent jump Wednesday. Few subscription lists are now paying cost. Many papers are cutting down their size, others are raising their subscription price, while some have gone busted. The Review is not going to do either of these, but will try hard to induce a lot of delinquents to pay up.—Jefferson Review.

Stanfield for Speaker.

If his figures are right and his friends keep their pledges, the next speaker of the house will be Robert N. Stanfield, and Eastern Oregon will for the first time in many years have the presiding officer of that body. Last session the president of the senate was from east of the mountains, but at the election he was beaten by a vote or two.—Salem Capital Journal.

Try Some Place Else.

The county judges and commissioners in their state meeting recommended the repeal of the widow's pension law and the substitution of the old time method of dealing with such cases on a charity basis.

But few mothers would care to appeal to a county court for charity unless absolutely forced to do so; they are willing to apply for a pension when it is allowed by law. They feel it is something to which they are justly entitled and in truth a widowed mother with little children to care for is just as much entitled to a pension as is a soldier.

The East Oregonian has not observed any taxpayers forced into bankruptcy because of the widow's pension law and has a theory that if it is necessary for counties to trim expenses they could do so more properly in some other manner.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Blow to Landlordism.

If this war destroys the landlordism of Great Britain, it will be worth to future generations all that it costs in life, limb and treasure. The darkest curse of civilization, throughout its history, has been the monopoly of the soil by the feudalistic families who style themselves the nobility. If America escapes this pal' without final bloodshed she will be fortunate. That is the fundamental cause of the Mexican revolution.—Pendleton Tribune.

He Knows.

It may be hard to convince a healthy man that health is more important than wealth, but a sick man understands it.—Atchison Globe.

Allies Will Not Accept.

The Allies will not accept Germany's proposal, because they are fighting not only for their nationalism, but to make future wars impossible. Surely we may believe their repeated protestations that the treasure of blood and money they are spending is not for the conquest of Germany but for the destruction of German militarism, which as long as it shall survive must be a menace to the world's peace.—The Spectator.

Flotsam and Jetsam

Out of the Crowd.

The lonely man is a part of the throng that travels the streets of town; A jostling of elbows here and there and hurrying up and down; But his eyes do not search, as most eyes do, for a friendly nod or smile. For they, like his heart, are far away where the green stretches, mile on mile; Where the kindly sky stoops closer down and gathers him to its breast— Where the tumbling clouds wink merrily, as though at some skyeey jest.

The lonely man gazes far beyond the blazing-windowed store To a narrow-wave-washed strip of sand on a sunny northern shore. Where one can chat with the knowing waves and listen to wondrous tales Of seagulls and fishes and far-off lands, and even of ships with sails; There are friends out there where no people are, from the cricket chirping loud To the whispering wind with its secrets rare—but it's lonesome here in the crowd. —The Independent.

A Baby Garden.

(Mary Carolyn Davies, in The Spectator.) A garden is a human thing. See how its wee hands cling! Its blossoms toas, and tease you, its vines run Laughing to meet the sun. I like it best not dressed for company. A garden—but just waiting all for me. In all the world, what sweeter thing may be?

Conversation.

Never hold any one by the button or hand in order to be heard out, for



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Be Sure His CHRISTMAS GIFT Is Right

Gifts from this store stand for more than merely the thing itself—they speak your good taste and your quality ideas. You don't have to hope it will be right, you can be sure. Every man is glad to see our label on his goods—it stands for the best quality.

Here Are Some Suggestions

- Neckwear 50c to \$2.00
Half Hose 25c to \$1.00
Handkerchiefs 25c to 75c
Gloves \$1.50 to \$5.00
Mufflers 75c to \$2.50
Suspenders 50c to \$2.00
Leather Novelties \$1.00 up
Smoking Jackets \$4.00 to \$12.50
Bath Robes \$3.75 to \$18.00
Sweaters \$1.50 to \$8.00
Underwear \$1.00 to \$7.50
Shirts \$1.00 to \$7.50
Slippers \$1.25 to \$2.50
Shoes \$2.50 to \$7.50

Hart-Schaffner and Marx Clothes \$20.00 to \$30.00

Other Makes \$15.00 to \$17.50

N.M. West & Co THE QUALITY STORE

If people are unwilling to hear you you had better hold your tongue than them.—Chesterfield.

On Baking Day.

(Mary Carolyn Davies, in The Spectator.) Though I've closed the door, I see Paths that wait and beckon me; Though I've shut the window, still, There's the sun upon the hill! All the birds are joining in, Adding to the cheery din. Seems as if they're extra gay Just when it's my baking day!

Every day the paths run, so, Tempting me to leave, and go For a little chat with Spring. Every day the same birds sing, Each has saved his choicest tune Just for this one afternoon. And I'd like to know the way They've found out my baking day!

He Hadn't Forgotten.

"George, I'll bet you have forgotten what day this is." "No; I haven't. It's either our wedding day or your birthday. It always is one or the other when you want to make a bet like that."—Detroit Free Press.

THE FORUM

State Rural Credits Measure.

La Grande, Dec. 19.—(To the Editor.)—Since the passage of the Rural Credits Measure, by the people, at the last election, I have received a number of inquiries concerning the same, and when funds would be available thereunder, as the handling of same comes under the State Land Board. As it will be necessary to create the fund, and as this will take some time, it will probably be a year or more before any funds will be available under this measure. However, I am just in receipt of notice of a change of ruling, by the Board, as to the Irreducible School funds, now available; that the limit to one borrower has been raised from \$2500 to \$5000, and further, that the limit apportioned to Union county has been removed, until further notice, so that any number of applications could now be handled from this county.

H. E. DIXON, Attorney, State Land Board, Union County.

The Wheel That Squeaks the Loudest is the One That Gets the Grease

The same assuredly applies to you and me, as well—in order to get anywhere in this world, we must attract the attention of the big men. Now listen, young man! Nothing helps a young man more in advancement in business than to be known as one who keeps his bills paid, meets his obligations, has a bank account, and pays his bills by check. You know that.

You will receive the same courteous attention with a dollar deposit as you would with a hundred dollar one.

La Grande National Bank