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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ED WURGLER WHO DELIVERS WASHINGS FOR HIS WIFE, TODAY PURCHASED A NEW WASH BOARD FOR HER CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Bible Thought For Today

ASA'S PRAYER: — Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power; help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. — 2 Chronicles 14:11.

Ten Years To Breathe

Mr. Hughes has put over his four-year agreement and for ten years there will be no war in the Pacific. Uncle Sam, England, France and Japan have agreed to the contract.

A fine piece of work and Mr. Hughes deserves the undying gratitude of the nation and the world. You will notice that he did not try to establish the millennium; that he did not seek to abolish war entirely, but he used that good old common sense sense of his and took a ten-year period as a beginner. And he got by with it.

Mr. Hughes is thoroughly practical. He is not sure down in his heart that the world wants war abolished entirely. There is a possibility that such a thing would in time cause rust to eat out the vitals of a nation.

No matter how that may be, we have peace for ten years in the Pacific and Japan has agreed to the terms. In the agreement this country lost nothing and still handles her own domestic problems regarding foreign immigration and alien land ownership.

Idaho Laughs At Oregon

Portland has voted to take two million dollars from its taxpayers, is going to ask the state to amend its constitution so that it may confiscate three millions more and hopes to raise a sixth million by the various forms of intimidation invented and put in practice by the professional drive masters who have come into being during the last five years, says the Boise Statesman.

And—shades of Harvey Scott!—The Oregonian approves of the whole scheme.

What is it all for? An exposition—and expositions have a record of about one success to seven failures. Portland is going to stake six millions on a six to one shot and if she wins the bookmaker will have nothing but a kind word to say her with.

If Oregon, too, votes approval of this plan, her action will add one laurel to her brow; it will wrest from California the honor of being the champion host state of the nation.

Portland is jubilant—pinning medals on itself. It has a feeling that it is unfair longer to be called the Philadelphia of the Pacific. It has succeeded in pulling itself up by its own boot straps and awaits a national voice of approval.

This is frankly a boosting enterprise—inadvertent Portland and give it a place in the sun—and Oregon a place in the moon.

It is doubtful if at any time the contemplated boost is worth six million dollars, but just at this time Portland may have to look to its armoire or educational success as its reward.

A world's fair when the world is bustled! The hope of countless pages of Portland propaganda when the newspapers of the country have for years been flooded with clever attempts to get free advertising in their columns. Expecting investment in new enterprises in Portland when the wealthy are investing in the free bonds only! Surely not the best time.

There are some sure results. The unemployed from all districts will gather in Portland. Portland will get all the free tourist cameras.

Now for the tax side of the question. Portland has been preferred to Seattle for some large enterprises because the taxes in Seattle were considered prohibitory, but those same enterprises would hesitate today because of the tax situation in Portland. It is reasonable to assume that Portland property is worth many millions less today than it was worth before the tax election, for if this new obligation is not the "let alone" there are many who think it is. It is a good thing to be on the blunder and "Watch Your

Since Edison made his startling statement that gold was liable to be made any minute as cheaply as pig iron a lot of people have been worrying a lot about their wealth and wondering what the standard of valuation would be if gold became so common. Cheer up; Johnny Walker and Old Crow are still very scarce and might take the place of gold.

Putting a lot of men to work just before Christmas is the kind of Christmas present the O-W. is handing out. It is a good present and no mistake.

Read Portland's tax budget and then tell us that the sound-thinking people down there want further tax on their property for a fair.

Many people are saying why not adopt the Wilson League of Nations as the peace conference is so near it. That is the whole thing; the peace conference is acting with wisdom and not theory—that is why the League of Nations could not be adopted.

Buying early for Christmas has reached its proper stage. Everyone begins to shop early nowadays, whereas but a few years back they waited until the night before Christmas.

Up in Vancouver, B. C., the hotels are selling beer—old fashioned beer—just to test the law, which will not be given a fair test until after the holiday season is over.

The Wallula cut-off must be an after consideration in Oregon highway construction. Unless the highway commissioners are super men we believe they have about all the roads laid out that their money will build.

Conscience is Now Bothering Men Who Played Pranks Once

GRASS VALLEY, CALIF., Dec. 13.—Several staid and middle-aged Grass Valley business men are contributing fifty-cent pieces to a "conscience fund" because, when they were boys, they threw rocks at a local Chinese resident who goes by the name of "Duck Egg."

"Duck Egg" is so old that few of the plotters of this section remember when he arrived. He was always an odd character and the boys of other generations tantalized him. Now "Duck Egg" lives on charity and it has been ruled that anyone who ever made sport of the old man must contribute fifty-cents, whenever called on to help the Chinaman.

The Boy Scouts of Tillamook County are planning a monument to Chief Kitchis of the Tillamook tribe of Indians, who befriended and saved the lives of several white men when they first settled in that county.

OBSERVER WANT ADS GET RESULTS.

THE OFFICE CAT



ORDINANCE No. NAUGHTY-NAUGHT.

Oh, look what's here, the seed is sown,
Our town is to be clean;
To avoid our good officials
Would surely be real mean.

Our back yards must be spotless,
Our chickens stay at home—
Around amongst bad neighbors
They are not allowed to roam.

No rubbish in the alleys,
Oh, my! How clean we'll be,
How pure a city we will have—
I hope the joke you'll see!

I wonder if this ordinance,
Which covers "other fowls,"
Will shut in night hawks, gay old birds,

Who "bound the town do yowl,
And there are other alleys,
That are not in our back yards,
Where noise and rubbish just abound
And wise owls are the guards.

A little scouring wouldn't hurt
To clean these alleys, too,
But, snobs, there is no time; you see,
With so much work to do.

Tin cans within the alleys?
That's where tin cans ought to be,
But jugs and bottles roam around,
Most anywhere, carefree.

Once in a time, a wise, good man,
Said, "Good folks, do not strain
At gnats and swallow camels,
For there's nothing you will gain."

Oh, settle down, and use your heads,
And do things just worth while,
And people will not always greet
Your didos with a smile.

MADE YOUR PLANS YET?
Soon Merry Christmas will have flew
Upon its merry way,
Then all we can look forward to
Will be just Arbor Day.

The men in a church congregation
usually pay for the church carpet,
But it is the women who wear it out.

THE CHEERFUL GIVER

The town marshal at Browning,

Kan., got up in the middle of the night recently and headed off an automobile thief who had stolen a car at Milam, according to the Sumner Star. The owner of the car rewarded the marshal with a handsome check for \$3. (However, as the marshal had used only about ten cents' worth of ammunition he sent back \$2.00 to the cheerful giver.)

Gone But Not Forgotten.
Washington Dispatch — The original copyrighted copy of the Klornan, manual of the Ku Klux Klan, is missing from its usual place on the shelves of the library of congress, Superintendent Ashley of library reading room admitted today.

THRIFT ITEM
Special robes for lady's party monkey are now being shown at the Fifth Avenue shops. Some of these are very elaborate designs, and fetch from \$3,000 to \$5,000.—New York Fashion note.

It must grieve the cigarette smoking women to find that the smoke does not agree with her poodle.

POEM
He surely was a football star,
The coach was glad he found him;
And when he landed in the mud,
The stars were all around him.

Old Father Hubbard went to the cupboard to get himself a drink, and when he got there the cupboard was bare, so he took one from the sink.

Mary Garden tells the papers that she will marry in 1924. The fellow can't say he hasn't had fair warning.

BEAUTY JOT
It started to snow at one time yesterday and within three minutes 31 women stylishly attired in new fur coats appeared on the four corners.

When they readjust taxes, they always put the accent on the "ad" instead of the "just."

Lil' Gee Gee, Th' La Grande Vamp Sez:
You may be a peach. But many a peach has been eaten.

And it wouldn't be amiss to extend national peace conferences to many local habitations.

Do you remember your emotions when you were a little kid and got a tin flute, and red mosquito-bar bag with three pieces of hard sugar candy from the Sunday School Christmas tree?

Not that we wish to recall bitter memories.

"A CERTAIN RICH MAN" AT STAR BEGINNING WEDNESDAY

The most masterful photoplay of all film history has been founded on "A Certain Rich Man." William Allen White's world-famous novel. It is a Hodkinson release and comes to the Star Theatre Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Benjamin B. Hampton, known as a producer of powerfully dramatic, artistic and above all human photoplays, is the one producer who could have put into a photoplay all the heart throbs, all the spiritual, true characterization, the pure, beautiful love and the honeyed beauty of the original. After seeing his shadow drama we believe that he has done the impossible—made this great story truer and bigger and greater than ever!

The story is played in settings familiar to every American. It begins and ends in a small town, the original of which is said to be Emporia, Kansas, which is the home of the author. The first episode of the novel that appears in the photoplay is in the 'eighties another period is laid at the beginning of the twentieth century, and the last period is modern. Three sets of characters and plot elements, and three periods in the lives of the characters first introduced are shown.

Deliveries at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.



Mail Orders Receive Prompt Attention

THE ART NEEDLEWORK SECTION IS OVERFLOWING WITH INTEREST

MANY SPECIAL ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!



The clever needlework can do wonders in gift making this season. Handwork is the ultimate in the desirable touch—and what woman is there who does not love beautiful embroidery? Our needlework table supplies a great many suggestions. There are separate pieces, and packages with full instructions and colored floss for working.

Among the most interesting in this section are **STAMPED PILLOW SLIPS \$1.75 Pair**. Hemstitched in a scallop and stamped in very attractive designs to be worked in with D. M. C. The designs are simple and very easily worked. The quality of the slips is the very best. See this one item here as well as many more.

"OREGON CITY"

Blanket Robes For Men and Women

The most beautiful of the famous "Oregon City" Indian robes are used in the making of these fine robes for men and women. Every robe is bound in "Skinners Satin" and has silk cords and trimmings. A few are on display in two of our windows now. They are priced from \$16.00 to \$22.50.

Others are priced from \$7.50 up.

JAPANESE LUNCH CLOTHS, NAPKINS AND SETS

A suitable gift for anyone. (These are imported pieces from Japan; the colors are absolutely fast and they are printed on very good quality materials, designed in the regular Japanese way.)

We have cloths at \$1.50 to \$2.75, various sizes. Napkins are \$1.00 dozen, and sets with round cloth, doilies and napkins are priced at \$1.00 set.

A very attractive, useful and inexpensive gift.

GENUINE "Maderia" Luncheon Sets 13 Pieces \$10.00 to \$12.00

These beautiful sets are on display in one of our windows today. Any woman who knows "Maderia" will want to see them. A beautiful gift for any woman. All "Maderia" is imported from France. Made entirely by hand and on the finest of pure linens. We also have separate napkins in two different designs. Priced at \$12.50 dozen.

You May Save on Toiletries That You Buy For Gifts

Special display of toilet articles, such as perfumes, powders, toilet water, creams, and all the delicate and delightful suggestions for Christmas gifts are ready now. Shoppers know values in this department and we are sure you will find them here now. Dier Kiss sets, Cutex sets, perfumes in Christmas boxes, all your favorites including Aurea, Dier Kiss, Melba, Lov' Me, Yashaha, Roger & Gallet and others.

Prices are very low in this department.



Christmas Ties Always So Necessary to Complete the List

50c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and up

Our Christmas stocks of men's and boys' ties are as complete as ever. Silk ties and silk knitted ties in every desired color or combination.

Silk ties are at 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Knitted ties are at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Mail or phone orders will be solicited with greatest of care and subject to your approval.

Buy now from complete assortment.



KNIT JERSEY JACKETS Four Pocket Style FOR MEN AND BOYS

Every man, young man or student has wanted one of these jackets—one of the most popular Sweater Coats ever put out for men. Perhaps here is just the thing for his Christmas gift. They are in brown and green heather mixtures, sizes 36 to 44. Priced at \$9.00.



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Friday December 16th

STAREX ORCHESTRA—EIGHT PIECES

REFRESHMENTS

COME OUT BROTHER AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

Don't Believe---

RUMORS THAT I AM LEAVING LA GRANDE. I'M PARKED HERE UNTIL MORAL CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOR THE BETTER. COME TO THE UNION MEETING AT EIGHT TONIGHT AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Three Finger Jack