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Bible Thought For Today

GIVING AND GETTING:—Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.—Luke 6:38.

Now Comes The Lashing

The "faithful fourteen" senators who blocked and defeated the gasoline tax for the Portland show are now receiving their lashing from the Portland Evening Telegram.

That newspaper is picking out the fair advocates in different towns of the state, printing what they say in an endeavor to discredit the fourteen senators in their stand.

If the Telegram will send a representative to learn the sentiment of Union and Wallowa counties at first hand we will board him and furnish him cigars while he is covering the field, provided, of course, the Telegram will print the story as the representative gets it from the people.

We make that as an open challenge to the Portland newspaper.

It is up to the Telegram to be fair and send along its man and failing to do so, the people of this section will know there is no desire on the part of the Portland paper to give the sentiment as it actually exists.

Plays Pleasant

No play in Shaw's volume of "Plays Pleasant and Unpleasant" is so unpleasing as most of those witnessed in the last few years. At first the suggestive plays, the vaunt-they sexy plays paid. People were curious to see how bad a play could be. Now almost everybody knows just how bad they can be. Boredom has followed curiosity.

When receipts began to slacken, foolish producers went still further in indecency. Wise producers took a flyer in the other direction. This faith is being justified in receipts.

The recent revival of the better operas met admiring throngs who applauded good music and clean fun till the rafters rang. Every clean, honest, interesting play on speaking stage or silent screen is succeeding, in spite of hard times.

Such a play as "The Hat" by Mary Roberts Rinehart, for instance, is playing to capacity everywhere, and beset for requests to return. This, those who have seen it say, is distinctly a pleasant play, as full of thrills as "Sherlock Holmes" or "The Thirteenth Chair," as funny as "Potash and Perlmutter," and as clean and wholesome as a toy apple.

Not every play can be so wholly delightful. But the success of plays whose lure lies in dramatic interest, in clean charm, spells a plain lesson.

Those who ponder to the lowest tastes human nature is capable of meet but a short success. Those who keep faith with the higher tastes reap increasing crops of dollars in this world and artistic immortality in the next.

The proposal of treasury officials to reduce the size of paper money may not interest the average citizen very much. The bills he'd like to see cut down are the ones that come in the envelopes with glass fronts.

That economist who says the American people saved \$3,500,000,000 in 1921 ought to turn his statistical telescope on the little boy who saved his life by not swallowing pins.

A market report shows "rubber firm." That is one thing about rubbers; they will hold when other things slip.

A statistician says the country is suffering from a shortage of 15,000 members. That's nothing to the shortage that plagues collectors.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



A BLACK CAT SCARED DAN GLEASON'S SNOW PLOW TEAM LAST NIGHT

The People At Home

Collier's Weekly tells of a man in a western city of 500,000 people who looked up the seating capacity of the local theaters and dance halls and found that it was only 60,000 altogether, or 12 per cent of the population. He concludes that some of the people must be staying at home, in spite of a current notion that nobody does that any more.

Collier's suggests that it wasn't at all necessary to gather the statistics; anybody could have reached the same conclusion by driving around the night district in the evening, and observing the lights in the windows.

Another thing—it doesn't seem to have occurred to this inquiring citizen to consider the saloon and the effect of its abolition on gregarious humanity. It is likely that the saloon capacity in his city used to be 5 to 10 per cent of the population. Now it is close to zero. Theaters and dance halls may be more crowded because they draw so many of the people who used to loaf around saloons. The actual number staying at home is probably greater than ever.

JOSEPH PEOPLE FISH FOR WHEAT

(Special to The Observer) JOSEPH, Jan. 5.—Flora basketball team made its first appearance on outside floors Friday when it played in a game with Joseph. Both games were lost to older and more experienced teams. But the Flora boys are not beaten. They show a tenacity to come back with a punch next year that will make other valley teams sit up and take notice.

Our wonderful mountain ozone is reeking with the odor of burning wheat ever since the burning of the flour mill Saturday night and the loss of 5,000 bushels of perfectly good wheat. There are wheat pockets all along the river bed and with a pair of hip boots and a long-handled sieve you can fish out a bigger bag of wheat any day than you could fill with yaniks in the most notable yank days gone by.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell are the proud parents of a lovely little baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dunbar have left Joseph for Wallowa, where Mr. Dunbar will be operator for the Home Independent Telephone Co.

Mrs. Chapman of Salem is visiting in Joseph with her niece, Mrs. H. S. Gibson.

Wilfred Davis has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Anna Miller because of illness.

School started off at its usually lively pace Tuesday with a full force of teachers. There are some new faces, some absent. Miss Dorothy Smith is confined to her bed with inflammatory rheumatism, but hopes are entertained for her speedy recovery. Miss Smith is a member of the action class.

New Year's eve was celebrated in many ways by various people at sundry and divers places. There was the basketball game, and a card party at Mrs. Dan Womack's, an Epworth League party at the M. E. church, a young married folks party at George Dawson's, and other gatherings. True, we all adjourned to go to the fire but straggled back in time to welcome in 1923.

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WE'RE STILL JAZZING RIGHT ALONG

Three Fingered Jack was with us Not so very long ago. He surely had us going. And we weren't going slow; He told us that our pambling And drinking we must stop. We could no longer roll the bones Or spin the PT top; The pool halls were all dens of sin. To take our hard-earned pay, But we still went jazzing right along In the good old-fashioned way.

He razed the city management. He gave the cops a dig. The gutters were all filled with drunks.

While none slept in the brig. We said good-bye jazz dances. Our parties will be gone. There'll be no more wild jamborees With women, wine and song. He had us all scared blue and pink Until he had his say. But now we're jazzing right along In the same old-fashioned way.

He roared in all the pulpits. And in our hearts struck fear. He buttonholed the constable. And hit him on the ear; He said the moon should shine no more.

To cheer us up at night. For moonshine corrugates our pods And makes us want to fight; And when he said "now clap your hands."

"We knew 'twas h—! to pay. But we still went jazzing right along In the good old-fashioned way.

He white-washed all the underworld He raft' out all the crooks. He concocted all the criminals. And lent them prayer books. He tried to take our pipes away. And our deadly cigarettes. He put a ban on chewing gum And gave us all the frosts. We were jazzing straight toward the grave.

With our fiddle habits gay. But we still are jazzing right along. In our good old jazz way.

Oh, Jack, come back! some time again.

We like to hear you talk. Come raspberry our crooks again And give the bums a shock. We like to hear you fret and fume And make the wicked gasp. Oh make the old burg rattle With your three-fingered grasp; When you come back to shake us up And for the fallen pray. We'll still be jazzing then as now. In our good old jazz way.

YEA HO. It's easy enough to be happy When the world move along like a clock. But the man's that worth while Is the guy who can smile. With a hole in the toe of his sock.

Ladies Silk and Wool Hose Just In! Included in The Sale



Two Deliveries Daily Phone Orders will Receive Prompt Attention

Crowds Tell the Story!

OF OUR ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

The big sale of the year is on; people who visited this store the opening day and saw the throngs that filled every available foot of space, know the tremendous opportunities that must be offered, for invariably "CROWDS TELL THE STORY" of a sale.

The "penalty" for presenting such values brought a response beyond our capacity to handle, and at many times Tuesday and Wednesday the increased facilities of this store were insufficient to adequately accommodate the throngs of shoppers.

Try and shop in the morning and get the limit of good service.



EVERY ARTICLE REDUCED

(Contract Lines Excepted)



Buy Shoes Now Save 20% to 50% And Entire Stock For Selection

Without a doubt this January Clearance can save many dollars in the family's footwear. Low shoes for spring—many of them are now in and included in this sale. A few instances are listed here.

3 STRAP Patent Pumps Are Very Specially Priced at \$5.00

One of the newest shoes in our stock, newest in style; black patent leather with three instep straps and buckles, in either low or high heel. In all sizes and widths. An exceptional offering during this sale at \$5.00.

Brown "Armstrong" OXFORDS \$6.90 - \$7.60

Brown calf leathers in several styles and a very few kid leathers included, all in shades of brown. Some are odd lots and priced lower than others. All are exceptional bargains at these prices—much less than they will be in the spring.

MEN'S "EDWIN CLAPP" SHOES \$12

The greatest name in shoe making today, is the name "Edwin Clapp." Men will find these here in this sale very specially priced for the only time during the year. Better investigate.

THERE ARE MANY SPECIAL SHOE BARGAINS IN BOTH MEN'S AND LADIES' DEPTS. SEE WINDOWS

TURKISH BATH TOWELS 27c

One of the big bargains in this sale. Good quality, medium sized for either bath or face. Very special at 27c each. Others in different sizes and weights are 35c, 55c and 68c—all very specially priced.

Table Linens From 20% to 30% off

Every woman needs table linens, whether napkins, cloths or linens by the yard, she may save considerable on the purchase now.

Linens remnants in lengths suitable for cloths are greatly reduced. Ask to see the linens.

STAMPED ART GOODS HALF PRICE

Packages and separate pieces of all kinds—remnants of the holidays. All are priced just one-half.

Wool Batts \$2.55 - \$2.13

Consisting of our regular stocks of pure fleeced wool batts. Women who have put off making their comforts may save now on the batts as well as the materials. These are very specially priced, and a limited quantity only. Phone orders will receive prompt attention.

Fast Colors SUITING 13c

For children's play suits, rompers, aprons, or for men's shirts; this material is 22 inches wide, good weight and fast colors, selling regularly at 20c yard. Very specially priced for clearance at the yard. Many different patterns.

Original price tickets remain on all merchandise in this sale. The purchaser may easily tell the value of the article, also the saving he has made. We merely subtract the discount when the sale is made.

Try and shop in the morning—better served and satisfaction—the earlier the better; from 9 o'clock until 11 are the best hours.



SALE OF MEN'S Suits and Overcoats

Such As We Have Never Held Before

Larger selections, greater numbers than in any previous year—our men's clothing sale is the greatest we've ever had. The finest makes in America, each carrying a positive guarantee selling now at—

1-3 off

This sale is for men who wear the finest clothes; the kind made by HART SCHAFFNER & MARX—and who like to get them at a great saving. The price barrier here has been destroyed.

Every man who needs a suit or who will need one before January, 1923, should visit this sale and investigate the values offered.

Men's DRESS SHIRTS 98c "Manhattan" Shirts Among Them

Nearly all are stiff cuff dress shirts in striped patterns and plain white. Many are the famous "Manhattan" make. Men who like the starched cuff, will want these. They are odd sizes and a limited number. Your choice while they last at 98c.

MEN'S SWEATERS 1/2 Price

There are men's and boys' sweaters of all descriptions and colors in wool and wool mix. The entire stock is included and all at HALF PRICE.



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