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THE GOODNESS OF GOD:—Then opened thine hand, and satisfied the desire of every living thing.—Psalm 145:16.

Buying Early Aids Shoppers

Early Christmas shopping has become a practice, universally observed, instead of a proposition generally recommended. The public is no longer crowding its buying for Christmas in the last five days, thereby doing a justice to themselves, the store clerks and the merchants.

Probably the public was so long in accepting the "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" slogan because human beings are so apt to believe that what another recommends can only inure to the benefit of that person and are so loath to help others. Why should the customer hurry himself or herself just to convenience store clerks and merchants, was once the quite universal opinion on the question of shopping early.

Not so now, however. The public has learned that in the buying of Christmas gifts the early bird is now catching the best worms. The customer may not be any more magnanimous now than five years ago but he does know that it is easier for all concerned to shop six weeks before Christmas than six days before. And that the Christmas shopping period now begins six weeks before Christmas is manifest from newspaper announcements of the placing of the gift stocks on display at that time.

Is This the Explanation?

Spokesmen for the Ford-Ford-President clubs which are meeting "regularly" here and there across the length and breadth of the nation publicly admit a healthy fear that the object of their political charity and zeal will, some time or other before the national conventions, be charged with instigating and organizing the Ford-Ford-President clubs and the proposed Detroit conference on December 12. This apprehension explains perfectly the rebukes which fell upon the heads of those responsible for fixing Detroit—the home of Henry Ford—as the meeting place of the December conference.

The average mind can advance only two reasons for this effort to prevent the association of Henry Ford, personally, with Ford-Ford-President club organization and the December conference.

The first of these reasons is that Henry Ford is sponsor of both clubs and conference and for very good political reasons desires to hold the position of silent partner. The second reason is that Ford persists in his protestations of innocence of any presidential ambitions and the club meetings, conferences and threatened third parties may spoil his little game of hide and seek. It is doubtful whether Ford has the political mentors puzzled by his "hiding" game, but they would like to have him come out and announce which party nomination he is "seeking."

Henry Keeps 'Em Guessing

What is behind the apparent reluctance of Henry Ford to come out with a public denial or admission that he is a candidate for president of the United States? Heretofore his denials of candidacy have been equivocal "I have nothing to say" interviews. As for his being a candidate behind the curtains, even the Ford-Ford-President clubs have been unable to get an "eye, yes or no" from the automobile manufacturer.

Travel-worn rumors of late would indicate that the approaching political conventions furnish some clue to the Ford tactfulness. Especially significant is the announcement by Ford backers that they will run their "favorite" at the Republican, Democratic and Independent party national conventions (the latter entry of course being contingent upon such a third convention).

A three-party candidacy might have its success upon silence on the part of the three-party candidate and may explain the characteristic Ford "I have nothing to say." Is it not probable that Ford and his proponents propose a surprise attack at the conventions of the Republican, Democratic and Independent parties in the hope of stampeding at least one of the conventions into nominating Ford? Surprise has been a potent factor in politics and war before Henry Ford supplied munitions for either.

That Ford is to supply the enigma of the present presidential campaign is not denied by the political leaders of any party and that Ford intends to maintain complete silence as to his candidacy until the presidential primaries is expected by many of these same politicians.

The postmaster at Crescent, Oregon, issued a complaint against himself for selling a quart of booze for five dollars. But his foot slipped when he went before the justice of the peace to plead guilty, for that dignitary soaked the postmaster a \$500 fine. Either a case of overheated conscience or just a plain nut.

Portland has filled her community chest, or nearly so, and that is fine. But Portlanders have something now to worry about: The holiday supply of 108 cases of choice liquor was pinched by the police and what a dry Thanksgiving it will be in the metropolis.

Because David M. Dunne of Portland forwarded a box of apples to President Collidge it is assumed Col. Dunne will carry Oregon's convention vote for the president. But assumptions of this kind sometimes fail.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Editorials From Over the Nation

ARE CRIMINALS MADE IN JAIL?

The Forum. After serving a sentence of four years in jail, Grant Madison Herry, an Australian editor, is convinced that penitentiaries are nothing more nor less than official schools of crime. People who talk of Lenin and Trotsky as the creators of the anarchic avalanche, he says, have no sense of psychological or historic proportion. Such men are simply the prominent social driftwood of their time, like the trunk of a fallen tree, or the distended carcass of a mule, floating toward the Gulf of Mexico, when the Mississippi is in full flood. It is the quiet literary men who really move that whirled which we know by the diabolical name of revolution. Alexander Berkman, for instance, twenty or thirty years ago, shot at Mr. Erick. Mr. Erick was one of Andrew Carnegie's steel-works managers. Berkman was an idealist, a young fool-marcher, with a roaring fire of bees in his bonnet.

Berkman as a friend of the Erick drew and thunder. It teaches our apprehensions for fifteen years. When he came out he wrote a book. Today, that book is a Communist classic throughout the world. It is poured over by zoro-bastid young men and women of the revolutionary persuasion in Melbourne and Sydney, in Glasgow and London. It teaches our and aggressive gospel of destructive anarchism. And the people of Pennsylvania paid for the writing of that book.

Ohio is a great state. Its 41,000 square miles of territory contain a larger population than the entire Commonwealth of Australia. But how many convicts have its prisons contained, since Rufus Putnam launched the Massiford of the Ohio? And what became of the men after life—that is what I want to know. It is no good telling me, or America, that the late O. Henry learned his splendid technique as a writer of short stories in the state penitentiary at Columbus. How many men, in that prison, did not learn to write? How many convicts, in Ohio, after their release, became social liabilities? How many of them are becoming O. Henrys? How many of them plan, upon their release, to specialize in short lengths of lead pipe and bombs?

WEATHER IN OTHER DAYS

New York Times. While there was no real necessity for the solemn and well-documented assertion of the weather bureau experts that our climate neither is changing nor has changed since white man history began in this part of the world, yet it is well that the proof has been given. In spite of it, of course all of the oldest inhabitants will go on saying that we have now his arch winters—or, summer's—up with the seasons when they were boys and girls. This they really believe, for distinct memories tell them of experiences which they no longer have, and what better evidence could there be than that—for them?

The benefit of the bureau's declaration is for other people, partly because it assures some of them the anxieties they feel with regard to the continuing instability of the world, but more because it may set them to giving a little real attention to weather and climatic problems.

Any permanent change in mean annual temperature would seriously affect

fect existence, for men, and all terrestrial life depends on the maintenance of meteorologic conditions; practically the same as now exist. We can endure wide changes of temperature while provided with the things necessary to fight cold and heat, but with these gone we no longer could keep up the 98 and a fraction degree Fahrenheit, on which health depends. Below or above that we are ill, and before we are much below or above that we are dead.

According to the weather bureau the oldest inhabitants think that winters in their youth were harder than now, merely because they confronted the snow from childhood's loved altitude, and drifts looked bigger. There may be something in that, but it hardly can be the full explanation. Psychology is involved as well as anatomy and physiology—the human tendency in old age to hold the present different from the past, and, on the whole, inferior. Memory, too, retains its grasp on the exceptional more firmly than on the usual, and what the oldsters recall is not the average winter or summer of other days but those that were at the extreme points in the weather cycles.

High School News

Happenings in and Around the School Centers

By Roy Williams
The La Grande High School English Classes are very proud of the fact that three of their essays took first, second, and third prize at the State American Legion Essay Contest.

The football squad has been going through a fast, snappy drilling this week in preparation for the Wallowa tilt at Wallowa Saturday.

The girls of the High School who are practicing basketball are hard at work every night and they show that they will have a team that will be hard to beat. A class game is to be played Friday night after school.

An assembly was held Thursday morning and short talks were given by Judge Crawford and Mr. Hampton. The main speaker, however, was Mr. M. A. Miller. Mr. Miller has been a senator to the Oregon Legislature, a collector of revenue at Portland and a prominent educator. He discussed a very fine address on education.

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Obituary

J. E. Johnson.
Wallowa (Special)—J. E. Johnson, an early pioneer of Wallowa county, who came here in the 70's, died at the farm home of his son, E. F. Johnson Thursday, an age of about 85 years.
The deceased was buried Sunday at Wallowa.
Mr. Johnson left to mourn his demise five sons, Ernest, now county commissioner, and Leonard Arthur, John and Roy.
Mr. Johnson crossed the plains with his parents in one of the first trains and settled in Yamhill county in October, 1847. When reaching the Platte river, they overtook an abandoned ox train, many of the occupants of which had been killed by Indians. The two trains were consolidated and journeyed on to the

Dallas, then the end of the wagon trail. They built rafts and floated down to Vancouver, Portland at that time consisted of only three houses built of logs and occupied by traders. He was married on January 22, 1871 to Fannie Applegate, who had crossed the plains with her parents in the first wagon train that ever came over the old Oregon trail. The couple settled in the Wallowa valley in August, 1872, taking up a homestead and building the first home constructed in the county.

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