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THE PEACE OF GOD, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—
Phil. 4:7.

Be Careful

The National Board of Fire Underwriters, state fire
marshals and other agencies and individuals interested di-
rectly in the reduction of losses by fires and the preserva-
tion of lives, are urging persons everywhere to take more
than ordinary care during the holiday season.

Placing lighted candles on Christmas trees is under the
ban, for they provide all the elements of serious damage,
if not loss of life, in case the inflammable materials usually
used in decoration should become ignited. Records show
that many fires are started in this way.

Even when electric lights are used to illuminate the
Christmas tree, the utmost care should be taken to see
that insulation is without defect, for fires may readily be
started if wiring is not carefully done and all contacts
protected. The danger, of course, is less than when can-
dles are used.

Records secured by the National Board of Fire Under-
writers for last year that there was an average of one
fatality for each fire started at Christmas time, and this
fact emphasizes the importance of giving attention to
everything that will guard against the probability of fire
starting from any cause.

Persons are advised not to erect Christmas trees near
an open fire of any kind, for a single spark may be all
that is necessary to ignite inflammable materials and start
a disastrous fire. Cotton, tinsel and the tree itself may
burn so quickly that the lives of occupants of the room
would be endangered and destruction of the building prob-
able.

Warning is also issued against keeping Christmas trees
until they have become dried out, for they are highly com-
bustible when in that condition. Chances should not be
taken by keeping the trees in the home longer than a week,
and even that period may be too long for safety. Intelli-
gent care in everything at the holiday season should help
to reduce the records of losses in other years.

Good Times Are Ahead

The fact that man has a happy faculty of forgetting
evil times and of harboring to the end the pleasant event
of a lifetime probably accounts for the sighing of old-timers
for the good old times. There is no other valid excuse for it.

For some few things the present can envy the past but
the advantages of the present so overwhelmingly outnumber
those of the dead yesterday that those who mourn the
past can not be taken seriously. There is more romantic
retrospection than sound reasoning in their sighs and lam-
entations.

Memories of lower costs of living are spoiled by recol-
lections of correspondingly low wages, lower salaries and
still lower industrial and commercial profits. The homely
comforts of fifty years ago served the simple life, but who
would surrender the electric light, steam heat, overstuffed
furniture, running hot and cold water, the bathtub and
hundreds of other modern conveniences and comforts for
the woodpile and the well of the good old times?

The forefathers got along very nicely without automo-
biles, safety razors, barber shops, the telephone, the radio,
moving pictures, hard-surfaced roads, paved streets, win-
dow-glass, and many other things which are considered by
modernity as the bare necessities of life. But the fore-
fathers often dreamed of the days when they would have
all of these things.

Today will be yesterday tomorrow when new comforts
will console mankind. Life is bettering itself this rapidly.
Instead of sighing for the things of the past, the old-timers
and their descendants would profit more by reading the
history of the progress of world invention and discovery
in the newspaper advertisements. Science is unceasingly
busy with evolving new comforts for man so that the dis-
comforts of today will be unknown to the future.

Californians excel in the thirst for higher education,
more than 90,000 of them having witnessed one football
game recently.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE CAT
By Junius

The teachers cannot see why the
boys can't "do" their arithmetic
problems, and the boys can't see
why the teachers can't keep the
baseball score sheet or tell what
the score is after the football game
is over.

Mother, may I go out to neck?
Yes, my darling daughter.
But don't tell dad—or you'll get
heck.

BACK TO NORMALCY
Now we can get back to earth,
and the unlucky half of the office
seekers can half to work.

**AN OLD-FASHIONED GIRE'S
LAMENT**
I put no paint upon my face,
No crimson lip-stick do I own;
I wear the plainest, slowest pace,
My silken legs have never
shown.

Those low-neck gowns are not for
me,
I couldn't stand my shoulders
bare;
I've never slipped in ecstasy,
Stuffed smuggled from a "legger's"
hair.

The lashes that adorn my eyes,
Have never been the painted
kind;
I seek no getting paradise,
I seek no getting paradise.

In my platonic state of mind,
When men friends call in chairs
I wait.
My hair survived the siege un-
bothered.
But, still, I blushing admit
No heart for me has ever throbb-
ed.

Crossword puzzle: description of
a millionaire who loses his mind
in eight letters. Answer: Dought-
nut.

A canceled mortgage is one of
the greatest home beautifiers in
existence.

There may be nothing in names
but the Bunn Baking company of
Baltimore has changed the name
of the firm to the Baltimore Bak-
ing company.

FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS
"What on earth are you wear-
ing all those coats for?" asked the
neighbor.
"Well," was the reply, "I'm go-
ing to paint my barn, and the di-
rections on the paint can say, 'for
best results, put on three coats.'"

A dinner was given in New York,
at which a well-known actor sat
at the great table. When the hour
for starting the feast arrived the
toastmaster, a very religious man,
discovered that no minister of the
Gospel was present, though sev-
eral had been invited. In this
emergency he turned to the actor
and asked him to say grace.

The actor rose, bowed his head,
and in the midst of a deep hush
said fervently:
"There being no clergyman pres-
ent, let us thank God!"

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in this way now and thereby insure a college educa-
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cash at any time.

THINK IT OVER.

La Grande
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Yesterday In Congress

(By the Associated Press)
The house passed minor naval
legislation.

The senate devoted another day
to Muscle Shoals.

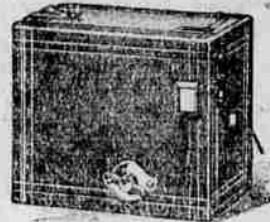
Indian Commissioner Burke de-
manded an investigation of charges
first against him in the house.

The Missouri Pacific railroad
was given authority to purchase
the New Orleans, Texas and Mex-
ico railroad.

A senate commerce subcommit-
tee voted a favorable report on the
house bill for government pur-
chase of the Cape Cod canal.

Possibility of revising plans for
erecting the Alaskan Alaskan to
Hawaii for the spring maneuvers
was seen at the navy department.

Great Britain's views on collec-
tion of American war damage
claims from Germany were con-



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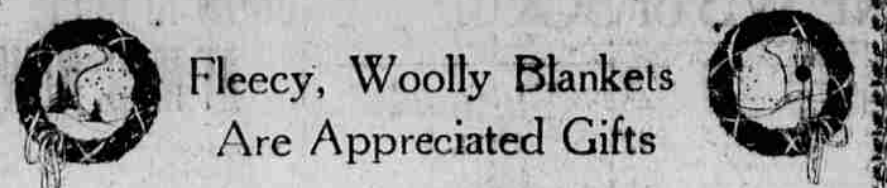
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trained in a communication receiv-
ed at the state department.

A bill to adjust postal rates to
allow increased postal salaries was
drafted at the post office depart-
ment on request of Chairman Steg-
ling of the senate post office com-
mittee.

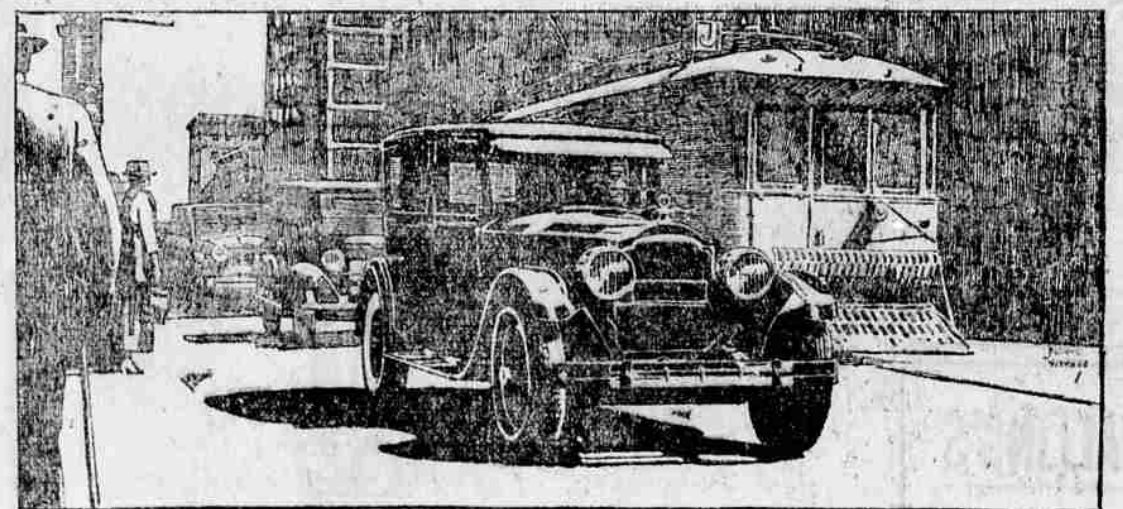
Horses Burn in Barn.

OREGON CITY. — Two horses
were burned to death in a fire that
destroyed the large barn owned by
John Anderson of Elkhart, sev-
eral miles from Oregon City, be-
cause a large amount of machinery, a
wagon and buggy. Mr. Anderson
nearly lost his own life while mak-
ing an effort to save two cows and

several calves. Immediately after
he had left the blazing barn with
the cattle the roof caved in.

Christmas is coming in Chicago.
Girl says she forgives a man who
shot her in the ear.

If he advertises it, he knows
it's good!



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