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WILLING GIVERS—Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord. 1 Chron. 23:2.

Loud ties have become so common-place that it's difficult to distinguish those that a fellow got for Christmas.

We should not complain at after-Christmas hash. How much more unfortunate we might be if he had possessed nothing from which hash could result.

Some state paper remarks about the general demand for more state revenue with very little being said about expense reduction to meet existing income. That's natural. Anybody who has studied the situation at all has come to the conclusion that Oregon can't afford to go backward. And that's the only direction available if new revenue is not to be had.

If you haven't read the summary of La Grande's new traffic ordinance it might be well to get a few private tips from an officer of the law before he starts charging \$5 and costs for the information. Numerous changes are in force but all of them should contribute to public safety and convenience. Signs on corners where "U" turns are not allowed would be an immediate aid.

Major Hess, superintendent of police in Washington, D. C. has ordered policemen to give up their seats to women standing in street cars or busses.

"We want our policemen to be courteous and chivalrous at all times," he says.

That's a good idea, and might be indefinitely expanded. Traffic regulation for example. When a woman driver violates a traffic rule the traffic cop may not yell, "Hey, there—whatja think yer doin'?" Ainsie got no sense?" Instead, he may step forward deferentially, cap in hand, and say: "Pardon me, madam, but are you aware that you have transgressed a traffic rule?" But what about men? Must the policeman be courteous to them, too?

INLAND WATERWAY SYSTEM
Representatives of the Mississippi Valley states and the Great Lakes states have got together in the senate and come to a compromise on the question of a navigation channel connecting the lakes with the Mississippi.

This project was opposed by Great Lakes senators because it seemed to imply the continued diversion of a large volume of water from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi by the Chicago drainage canal. The compromise measure is worded so as to avoid authorizing any such diversion. The idea is to keep the two questions separate, handling each according to its own merits.

There will be general satisfaction with this procedure. If Chicago is injuring navigation on the Great Lakes by drawing off large quantities of water for her own sanitary purposes, as she is declared to be doing, there are means of adjusting that. The matter is now pending in the supreme court. That court will doubtless determine whether water from one drainage basin, wanted for navigation there, may legally be diverted to another drainage basin.

As for the transportation features of the proposal, there should be no disagreement about them. The two great navigation systems, one comprising the Great Lakes with their rivers and the other the Mississippi with its tributaries, should both be developed to their capacity for the benefit of national transportation. And both should benefit by connecting them by an adequate canal, to make them virtually one super-system, if it can be done without injuring either system unduly for the benefit of the other.

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PAT M'DERMOTT IS HELD GUILTY

Jury Returns Verdict and Recommendation of Mercy in Hour

CANTON, O., Dec. 27. (AP)—Patrick Eugene McDermott was found guilty of first degree murder for the death of Don R. McLeet, Canton publisher. The jury of 19 men and two women returned its verdict after deliberating but one hour.

The case was delivered into the hands of the jury just as dusk of Christmas eve fell over the city, where the crusader-editor's attack on the underworld and its alleged police protection. From the time McLeet was shot down in his garage door in a fusillade of shot discharged from ambush on the morning of July 16, there has been one predominant theory that he was slain by the underworld.

McDermott, the state charged, was the underworld hireling picked to "do the job."

When the verdict was read in the court of Judge E. W. Diehl, McDermott appeared calm and composed.

Defense counsel did not reveal its plan for appeal of the case, but frequently throughout the trial Attorney E. L. Mills had testimony read into the records out of the reach of the jury's hearing for the purpose of appealing on error if any unsatisfactory verdict was returned.

University Opens Season Tonight
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 27. (AP)—The University of Oregon basketball team will open its present season tonight against the fast Olympic club quintet at San Francisco.

A squad of nine players accompanied by Billy Reinhardt, coach, and Harold Soccolofsky, manager, left yesterday noon for California. The starting lineup against the Olympic club players according to indications when the team left, will be Gunther and Hildings, forwards; Okerberg, center, and Westergren and Bally, guards.

Scallion, speedy forward, was left behind because of injuries and Hildings will be shifted to forward to take his place. Bally will fill Hildings' place at guard.

Women Politicians "Skittish"
WASHINGTON (AP)—Politicians must be wary of women in politics, in the opinion of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney General.

"Women in politics are like skittish horses," Mrs. Willebrandt said. "You never can tell when they are going to buck or bolt and politicians can't be blamed too much for caution in hitching them to a political team."

Mrs. Willebrandt believes, however, the day is coming when women really will have their place in the business and professional world. Education of the public, and particularly of the male mind, is the one thing she thinks will work the solution.

"But women also have a considerable responsibility in their own responsibility in their own advancement," Mrs. Willebrandt says. "It is important that those who are given positions of trust prove the ability of their sex to hold their own."

She is displeased with the administration of Governor Miriam Ferguson of Texas, but believes "this fizzle" is offset by the "good record" of Governor Nellie Ross of Wyoming.

More than a quarter of a million students in five eastern states receive instruction at the same time from the same teacher by radio.

A Junior jazz band set is the favorite novelty in the Christmas toy displays at the Paris stores, raising an appalling prospect for fond parents.

When their thermometers fail to register, men in the Far North can determine the approximate temperature by building a wood fire. At forty degrees below zero the wood fire appears to give off steam instead of smoke.

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Norton's Kiddy Shop

Debators Argue Whether Should Abolish Women

LONDON, Dec. 27. (AP)—Lord Darling, speaking at the annual dinner of the Gray's Inn debating society, took a flink at Cambridge undergraduates who recently offered a resolution that women ought to be "abolished."

"In my opinion," said his lordship, "it is a pity the resolution was not passed before they were born."

The undergraduates' action was taken at a meeting of the Cambridge union society. A. B. King-Hamilton, arguing for the resolution, charged that the women of today were "as double-faced as their ancestors."

"Rather than grow old," he said, "a woman dyes when young. She bangles her arms, bingles her hair and bangles her face."

Defending the women, A. C. Townsend made a long dissertation on the highly civilized way in which they rode bicycles and ate chocolates. They did powder their faces, he admitted, but he pointed to the advice of Nelson, "Trust in God and keep your powder dry."

Since the debate, King-Hamilton has received 245 abusive letters from women. Townsend, who championed the women, has received six proposals of marriage.

MRS. WOODROW WILSON

Union Railroad at a Standstill; Mail and Freight Hauled in Auto

UNION, Ore., Dec. 27.—The Central Railroad of Oregon operating from Union Junction to Union and Cove, is out of commission for the present, the engine having been condemned, the company having given up its mail contract, the manager gone east, and the property is in charge of a caretaker with no effort toward operating the road, according to a local newspaper.

Mail is being brought up by truck at present, and an effort is being made to keep the track open so that freight and express may be brought up by motorcar, but it is a difficult task.

There is little information given the public relative to what the company proposes to do about operating the road, and, in the meantime Union is handicapped in the matter of service to and from Union Junction, and Cove is suffering in like manner.

It is understood at this time, and this is mere speculation, that the Blue Mountain Lumber company and the Central railroad are now in the hands of stockholders Hammer and Middleton, and that soon after the first of the year those men or their representatives will be in Union with some sort of a solution of the troubles that have beset

their company.

Needs Railroad
Union cannot very well get along without the little railroad, and unless the owners can arrange to handle the traffic an appeal may be made to the public service commission with a view to a solution of the troubles.

It has been understood that the stockholders or directors of the Central Railroad company have been in a jangle in the past for a long time, and the death of Treasurer Chas. E. Graham a short time ago and the ending of litigation, is supposed to have made it possible for other stockholders to assume charge and handle the business to their liking.

How to make money though an author: write a book that you can have condemned easily.

Housework For "Nerves"
LONDON (AP)—Take a hammer and drive nails, or grab a scrubbing brush and clean up the floor, or do any of the other thousand and one duties about a house and the matter of "nerves" will become something handed out by Dame Mary Scharlieb to a crowded house of women at the Institute of Hygiene.

"Household work is one of the greatest cures that women may take for 'nerves,'" continued Dr. Scharlieb who is dean of the British medical women and has been practising here more than fifty years. "Neurotic girls and women can get the greatest advantage from work; work of any kind. The woman who stays at home is able to occupy herself in a variety of domestic tasks which are beneficial to mind and body alike."

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Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of America's war president, has carefully avoided the spotlight during the past few years, out of respect to her late husband's memory. Attending a luncheon of the Red Cross volunteer service in Washington the other day, however, she relaxed her rules and posed for a photograph—her first in a long time. Here it is.

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