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OUR FRIENDS—Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.—John 15:13, 14.

The Bible is great enough to survive anything, even the queer translations.

Somebody has to come out ahead in the exchange of Christmas gifts. That is a fact known to every father and husband.

A war veteran complains that a message mailed to him during the war has just been delivered, 11 years later. Suppose it had been a Christmas cake.

An editor declares that the youth of today is far ahead of those of previous generations. He remembers what youth was when he was a boy.

WHO WORKS FOR WHO

Governors and legislatures throughout the country are warning police magistrates, aldermen and justices of the peace that an individual arrested for speeding, or for any other traffic violation, is entitled to a fair trial just as much as any other alleged offender against the law. The warnings are provoked by laxity and high-handed methods common in the administration of the traffic laws. Violators of traffic laws are no worse than violators of other regulations. Generally, they are not as bad. The individual who becomes ensnared by a traffic officer frequently has broken the law unwittingly or is ignoring an absurd rule. He is not a criminal in the gun-toting, property-destroying sense of the word, and there is no reason why he should be treated as one. He is entitled to a fair and just trial, and to courteous treatment, yet in many petty courts he is given less consideration and shown less justice than is the felon. While considerable progress has been made in the reforming, refining and educating of traffic policemen, speed-trap constables and fining squires, there are still some from the old school who will never understand that they are paid by the public to protect the public not, persecute it.

THE HAPPY SEASON

These are days set apart for the triumph of sentiment. It need not descend to sentimentalism, but, if it does, what of it? The spirit of the season is one of good will—good will toward men, peace on earth.

If there is any skepticism about good will, it must be based upon the fact that there is not enough of it. On this point it is different from other good things. There cannot be too much good will. It is impossible that the supply of good will in the world should ever come within speaking distance of the demand. As a matter of fact, it is always upon the verge of exhaustion. It is not like love or hate, which may be inflicted to satiety. It is never overwhelming. It can never be heaped as coals of fire upon the heads of enemies. It cannot be repaid save in its own coin.

All this is not necessarily considered at Christmastide. But something like it is in the air. Everybody feels it. One of the beauties of Christmas is that no one has to stop and ponder over what is being celebrated. Good will, a rarity at other times, is universal during the Christmas season. Old Scrooge loves the world. Selfish greed turns to generous extravagance. Enemies become friendships, fear turns to faith. The spirit of the season is one of good will.

It is useless to try to talk oneself into belief in the so-called "commercialization" of Christmas. The vast volume of gift exchanging but reflects the volume of good will that overwhelms the world. People cynically speak of "compulsory Christmas giving" while all the time they are deriving consummate pleasure from custom.

LADD CANYON FAMILY HAS MUCH TROUBLE

By Mrs. Charles Grundy (Observer Correspondent)

LADD CANYON (Special)—It seems that also Ferguson's misfortunes have been multiplied and that he and his family are having more than their share of trouble. Mr. Ferguson has not missed a day in six weeks or more going to a doctor in La Grande to have his finger dressed as it became badly infected after he had it pinched off at the first split between a log

and a heavy chain, while hauling his winter's wood. His finger is much better now but he is yet unable to do any work and now his home is quarantined because of market fever, two of the children, Lyle and Jackie, becoming ill at the same time. They are getting along satisfactorily but it means that they will have a rather gloomy Christmas.

Claude Beale has entirely recovered from a recent tonsil operation. Ladd Canyon did not receive as much snow and rain as other parts of the valley which was a disappointment as there is a shortage of water here and the crops are in need of moisture.

Abe Martin



Dry Forest Lesley Moore, finally caught up with a "flea" run queen today. Proposed was accepted, an "H" marry an so into business for "emetics." "Ever" thing's changing so. I won't be surprised if we have a smooth-faced Santa Claus this Christmas," mused Grandma Pash, today.

Mrs. Lydia Grundy, of La Grande, visited Thursday at the home of her son Charles Grundy. Charles Nantz and family have moved from here to North Powder where they will farm.

Mrs. Mary E. Cunniff entertained the members of the Get-together club at her home Friday instead of Thursday, the usual club meeting day. After the business meeting was over Mrs. Clyde Hoppel and Mrs. Harry Hansen whose names had been drawn at the previous meeting to furnish the afternoon's entertainment conducted two interesting contests. Mrs. Lola Banton winning one prize and Mrs. Elliott Austin the other. Mrs. Lydia Grundy was a guest of the club. Near the close of the afternoon Mrs. Cunniff served a two-course "Thank you" Mrs. Henry Cunniff will be the next hostess to the club Dec. 17.

Mrs. H. W. Peehler has been spending most of her time the last two weeks at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Fred Spahrst in La Grande.

JOSEPH GRUNDY NAMED SENATOR

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et which was opposed by the Vane machine in the 1924 primary and said the Fisher ticket spent \$1,400,000 as compared to the \$745,000 Vane campaign.

"Whereas the expenditure of such large sums of money," concluded the Nye resolution, "is a grave menace to the integrity of our public policy, harmful to the dignity and honor of the senate, dangerous to the perpetuity of a free government and destructive of the safety and peace of the nation, therefore be it resolved that the aforesaid Joseph Grundy be, and he is hereby, denied a seat in the United States senate."

Most of those who were prominent in the fight against Vane could see no valid objection to seating Grundy. His appointment they regarded as entirely legal, constitutional and one that must be honored. From all indications, Nye was decidedly on the losing side of the controversy.

Will Seek Election Also

Although Grundy has been content throughout a lifetime devoted largely to the advancement of the Republican party in both state and nation to remain quietly in the background, word came with the announcement of his appointment that he would be a candidate in the election to the senate in the primaries to be held in Pennsylvania next spring. Vane also will be a candidate and it is possible that former governor Gilbert Fitch may enter the contest.

Wherever traffic legislation has been pending in congress Grundy with his stock of white hair and easy-going geniality has been a familiar figure at the capital. There he is known intimately as "Old Joe," "Uncle Joe" and sometimes as "the high priest of tariff protection," depending upon the point of view of the legislators opposing the provisions.

VALE SUFFERS SETBACK

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11 (AP)—Vale was received here this afternoon from the home of William W. French at Atlantic City that he had suffered a setback in the recovery from a stroke a year ago.

PROMISE WORK ON PILOT ROCK ROAD

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From Eastern Washington coming into Oregon.

Heavily asked the construction of a road to the mouth of Williams River at Atlantic City that he had suffered a setback in the recovery from a stroke a year ago.

James Henricks, Stanfield, Ore., also speaks in favor of the Williams road. He said there were sufficient motives behind the county's refusing to aid in the construction of this tourist road.

A delegation from Wheeler and Morrow counties appeared in court work on the Higgins-Sperry highway. Seven bids were received for reconstructing 12.4 miles of Pleasant Valley-Idaho section at the Old Oregon trail in Baker county.

Eight bids were received on the new bridge over the Rogue river on the Pacific highway at Grants Pass.

Sport Slants

by ALAN J. GOULD

The gridiron loses a number of its illustrious stars with the close of the 1929 campaign, but there are also an unusual number who have apparently just begun to shine. With one or two more years in which to reach the heights that Clark Linn, Marsters, Banker, Thomason, Dutch Clark, Nagurski, Sloan, Lance, Welch and Glasgow have occupied for the last time.

To mention just a few of the ball-carrying aces who will be luck next season, there are Booth of Yale, Hinkle of Bucknell, McEver of Tennessee, Carideo of Notre Dame, Kelly of Kentucky, Wood of Harvard, Gentle of Pennsylvania, Leland of Texas Christian, Hewitt of Columbia and Hufford of Washington.

Booth, Wood, Hinkle and Hufford were among the outstanding sophomore ball-toters of the year, with Yale's sensational Albie the most talked-about, back anywhere. If the "mighty atom" of New Haven doesn't wind up as an All-American ace, it will be a shock to the Slips.

McEver has been a star for two years, as consistent a performer as any college has had, and Gentle, Iowa's captain, showed this year with one of the greatest runs ever witnessed on Franklin Field, a 164-yard gallop through Cornell for a touchdown from kickoff. Gentle was elected 1929 leader of the Red and Blue as soon as his team-mates could crowd into the dressing room to cast their ballots.

Hufford, a coast observer writes, "is a more spectacular ball carrier than either George Wilson or Chuck Carroll, former Washington All-Americans." Hufford stood out this year on a team that was going nowhere.

"Charley Padlock" has been doing spirit stunts for so long that he has Old Pop Time worried. Believe it or not, the blond Texan, a transplanted Californian, hopes to make the 1932 Olympic team.

"I lost about eight yards on my last Olympic voyage, but maybe the old legs still will be good enough to land me a place on a relay team," remarked Charley recently. "At least I do not intend to quit running altogether. It has been too much fun to drop out of the picture, even though I probably can't keep up with most of these galloping youngsters now."

Remembered that his amateur status was subject to considerable scrutiny in connection with the last Olympic Padlock said:

"Of course I have made something out of my athletic achievements. Why not? Can you name two of the top-notchers who have? As writers, in the movies, or otherwise?"

"You can call that exploiting athletic fame, or commercializing it, but the fact is that I have never received a single cent at any time in my career for a foot-race. I ran because I liked to. What's the objection if the publicity helped me in business? I write my own story and I've done my own cooking and movie stuff. That's business."

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Bucky Harris' grandfather is 94 and lives at West Pittston, Pa.

Bill Rodgers, signed by Joe Knap to manage the Chattanooga team, wears a peculiar winking "H" "Tartan" hat.

Here's a wordmark by Joe McCarthy, manager of the Chattanooga Cubs—"I know why Charlie Mack has George Burns around—we can get the side out."

When somebody asked Miller Huggins why he quit which was the greater ball player, Honesty or Ruth, the Mike rubbed his chin and replied, "All chocolate chips taste alike to me."

Tommy Mandl, manager of the new wrestling sensation, Dick Skik, at 6-4 the folks down in Columbus, O., the other day that Jack would name John Frank, another wrestler is offered.

We'll take Mr. Frank, ourselves on the vaudeville scene. "Pinch" Elmer Elmer, who was sent to Minneapolis because he was a "discouraging" sign among the Cardinals, has been recalled. — Mr. Hickey may sell or trade him.

Issues Drift Lower In Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (AP)—The stock market continued to drift lower today despite sporadic attempts at points to rally the general list. Trading, however, was not very heavy in volume, indicating that "bear" operators, who have been hammering the market at intervals for the past few days, apparently were having difficulty in accumulating any great volume of stock. The closing was weak. Total sales approximated 2,400,000 shares.

PORTLAND CASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11 (AP)—Cash market: Bid Bond Market: Bond white \$1.25 1/2. Bond white \$1.24. Western white \$1.24. Bond white \$1.24 1/2. Northern, spring \$1.22 1/2. Western red \$1.22 1/2. Club, No. 2-3 1/2 white \$1.20. Today's car receipts: Wheat 110. Oats 14. corn 3. hay 5.

Stock swindlers who recently took \$500 from a grocer probably picked on him because he was a grocer, grocer.

Suggests Plan To Bring Army, Navy Together

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—A suggestion that the Army and Navy football controversy be settled by a commission comprising five former captains from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Georgetown, was made to President Hoover today by Representative Fish, Republican, New York, who called at the White House.

Fish said the commission of football captains should be appointed either by the president or by the secretaries of the navy and war departments and any decision reached by it should be binding upon both institutions.

He added he had discussed his proposal with senators Copeland and Wagner of New York and senators Tydings and Goldsborough of Maryland and said they approved. Fish represents the West Point district in congress.

MARKETS
Spring—15@25c lb.
Heavy—16c lb.
Light—16c lb.
Shag—16c lb.
Floor
Hard Federation (hard wheat)—\$7.60 bbl.
Soft wheat—\$7.45 bbl.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Sugar—100 lb. sack—\$4.25.
Vegetables
Netted Gem potatoes—\$2 sack.
Parsley—5c bunch.
Cabbage—4c lb.
Lettuce—1c a head, 2 for 15c.
Yellow onions—4c lb.
Carrots—5c bunch, California, 10c.
Sweet potatoes—4-lb. for 15c.
Spinach—1 lb. 15c.
Brussels sprouts—15c lb.
Cranberries—1-lb. for 45c.
Cauliflowers—1 for 15c.
Cauliflower—15c.
Celery—20c.
Celery heart—15c.
Turnips—3c a bunch.
Celery—15c and 25c.
Green peppers—15c lb.
Artichokes—2 for 15c.
Radishes—4c bunch.
Dairy
Butter, creamery—50c 2 lbs. 11.
Eggs—40c doz.
Cheese—40c lb.
Honey—Comb, 15c lb.
Fruits
Bananas—2 lbs. for 15c.
Apples—15c 12.50.
Cocoanuts—2 for 15c.
Lemons—7c a lb.
Oranges—15c 12.50 doz.
Grapes—1 lb. for 15c.
Meats and Fish
Beef—15c lb.
C chops and steaks—10c 15c lb.
Pork salmon—15c lb.
Haddock—15c lb.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11 (AP)—The market for livestock steadily receipts, cattle 12 calves 12.
Steers, 1100-1200 lbs. \$10.25 @11; good, \$10.25@11; medium, \$9.75@10.25; common, \$7.75@9.50; heifers, good, \$9.25@10; common to medium, \$8.75; cows, good, \$8.50@9.50; common to medium, \$7.50; low cutter, \$7.00; bulls, good to choice, \$7.50@8; cutter to medium, \$4.50@7.50; calves, medium to choice, \$8.00@9; cut to common, \$5.00; weaners, milk fed, good to choice, \$5.50@7.50; weaners, milk fed, good to choice, \$5.25@7.50; medium, \$4.50@7.50; cut to common, \$4.00.
Hogs: Opening steady; receipts 15; including 75 direct. Heavy weights, \$12.50 @13; medium weight, \$12.50@13.25; light weight, \$12.50@13.25; light hogs, \$12.50@13.25; packing sows, \$7.00@12; slaughter pigs, \$3.25@3.75; feeder and stocker pigs, \$4.25 @5.25.
Sheep and Lambs—Quotably steady; receipts, 75. Lambs, 44 lbs. down, good to choice, \$10 @11; medium, \$9.50@10; all weights, cut to common, \$7.50@9; all weights, common, \$7.00.
Wheat Higher At Closing Today
CHICAGO, Dec. 11 (AP)—Influenced by reports in Liverpool quotations and by closing of the British bank, wheat settled very active in prices here today. However, a steady decline followed in the wheat market in Australia at only \$1.00@1.05 per bushel a year ago. Starting 1/2 to be higher, Chicago wheat afterward made additional gains. Corn and oats were also firm, with corn opening 1/2 off to 5/8 and subsequently showing advances all around. Provisions declined.
Chicago closing quotations on wheat were 1/2 to 1/4 a bushel higher than yesterday's list.

It's Christmas Time at FALK'S MEN'S STORE

A men's store where real men's gifts are found galore. The store at which he enjoys buying for himself the year round, so if his gift bears the stamp FALK'S it is sure to meet with his approval. Let our men's store help you solve your gift problems.

Pajamas \$5
Handkerchiefs 50c

Men's broadcloth pajamas in novelty weaves and patterns in both coat and slip-on styles, V-neck and collar numbers. Others \$3.50 to \$10

Pure Irish linen with hand rolled hem and drawn colored threads forming novel border. Also initial hankies in boxes, pure silk and fancy patterns \$1.

Neck Wear \$2
Silk Shirts \$6.50

Beautiful all-silk satin lined throughout in hand made cravats of quality. Many of these are made by Cheney.

Plain colored radium silk shirts of fine quality in colors of white, blue, gray, tan and cream. Other silk shirts priced \$6 to \$11.

Pig Skin Gloves \$3.75
Fitted Cases \$20

Pig skin—the glove for real service! In a popular tan color—snap fastener at wrist. Other mocha, buckskin and lined gloves priced \$1.50 to \$7.50.

Genuine leather ladies fitted over-nite case. Silk lined in contrasting colors. Other bags, cases, Gladstones and suit cases priced up to \$25.

Slippers \$3.75
Men's Robes \$8.75
Square Scarfs \$1.95
Boy's Sets \$1
Sweaters \$3.25

All leather with soft padded sole, felt lined, an ideal slipper for comfort, a real gift.

"Beacon" flannel robes with slippers to match, silk cords neatly boxed, and a real gift.

The large "square" is the thing! Of fine quality silk crepe in checked, plaid and floral patterns.

Tie, knife and comb sets for the boy in neat holiday boxes. A gift to please the boy.

Fancy patterns in a good range of colors with Skinner's satin collar and cuffs.

Boy's slip-on sweaters in novelty weaves and many color combinations, size 26 to 32.

Indians Observing Feast of Virgin

LAS CRUCES, N. M., Dec. 12 (AP)—Dressed in ceremonial robes, fantastic headresses and grotesque masks, participants in the weird observance of the feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe began at sunrise today their ceremonies—a strange wedding of old Spanish tradition and the ancient Aztec religion.

A glaring fire crease on the slopes of Tortugas mountain last night flashed an invitation for all who were to attend the feast in the tiny village of Tortugas which continues until midnight tonight. Tom-toms beat their call to the "viva" or bravura dance.

A man in Ecuador hit a conestable. That's once the law had been in it.

Alarm Sounds Two Times During Week

By Mrs. C. M. Hale (Observer Correspondent)

EMBLE, Ore. (Special)—The burglar alarm in the Emble cash store has given the alarm on two different nights during the last week but no one was found around the store and nothing seemed to have been disturbed.

A number of persons in this vicinity have been ill of severe colds, resembling the Hugh Huxon is ill of quincy and it was necessary for him to have his throat knaved the first of the week.

Mr. Little Webb's Special Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stumphy of the Independent.

CROSS PASS IN BLIZZARD
EULEN, Ore., Dec. 11 (AP)—With the aid of wooden blankets placed under the wheels of his automobile, A. H. Dixon of Euleu, Ore., today was here after crossing successfully the blizzard-swept pass of the McKenzie.

Dixon said he battled a blizzard four hours atop the mountain. He said he and his wife, who accom-

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