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Thus saith the Lord, call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure thee, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.—Jeremiah 33: 2, 3, 6.

OPPORTUNITY

What is the weak spot in America today? It is not primarily business, nor the industrial system, nor the stock market, nor agriculture, nor government. Of course we must admit that all of them would bear considerable improvement; but there is more money in this country today than ever before—half the world's gold supply, and billions of dollars in savings accounts; our factories can make more goods and sell them more cheaply; we have a super-abundance of raw materials such as coal, iron, lumber, and oil; our farms are piling up huge surpluses of wheat, cotton, corn, and other staples; our transportation facilities are now in shape to handle twice as much traffic as they are getting; our government never was accomplishing so much in the interests of the public as now.

The glaring weakness today is evidently a state of mind which robs men of all initiative, enterprise, and courage, and substitutes for that usual never-say-die spirit the hopeless feeling that nothing can succeed. This state of mind is founded on fear rather than experience. The condition in which the nation now finds itself is no different from those we have passed through many times before.

It is indeed fortunate that some minds refuse to give way to blind fear. Rockefeller laid the foundation for his great oil business during a financial panic. Andrew Carnegie stuck to the steel industry when it seemed to be a losing game and his partners were deserting it as rats flee from a burning building, and an empire of steel was his reward. During the panic of the seventies when others were selling land at any price a young man named Henry Clay Frick borrowed money and bought up coal lands by the square mile; from those lands he was soon earning a million dollars a year.

These are exceptional cases, to be sure, but every community after every economic disturbance can cite similar instances on a smaller scale. The man with courage and foresight comes out on top. It has been said that the difference between a thoroughbred horse and a scrub is that the scrub goes until it cannot go another mile and then stops, whereas the thoroughbred runs till it cannot go another mile—and then keeps on running just the same. What the nation needs right now is more thoroughbreds among men.

MATCHES IN THE WOODS

Records kept by the United States forest service indicate that twenty-two per cent of the nation's forest fires are caused by carelessness in the use of cigarettes and matches in the forests. The cigar and pipe are only minor offenders.

Tests conducted by the bureau of standards show that a discarded cigarette is forty times as likely to start a fire as the discarded cigar, and that the greatest menace from the use of cigars and pipes in the woods is from the matches with which they are lighted.

During the past year many fires were of incendiary origin, evidently started by men who wanted to be hired to put them out. Lightning sets a considerable proportion of the fires. But by far the worst offender is the man who throws a match or cigarette butt into dry leaves or brush without taking pains to extinguish it. Hunters, hikers, campers, motorists, and woodsmen come under this indictment.

The editor of "American Forests" asks the question, "Which does the more damage, the cigarette or the match?" Most foresters name the match as the arch-criminal, some placing the ratio as high as five to one. It is a timely question in view of the destruction wrought by forest fires throughout the land.

What manner of man is he who, given the privilege of forests in which to hunt and camp, utterly disregards the simple precautions against fire? Even the energy required to break a match or pinch the end of a cigarette seems too much for him. He ought to stay at home in his easy chair.

Those who are not careful to notice what they are getting into usually find it is trouble.

SNOW FALLS IN WESTERN OREGON

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the night, giving the Harney county town the award as the coldest spot in the Pacific Northwest.

At Baker the temperature was 8 degrees above, slightly higher than on Friday. Bend had a minimum of 12. Medford 28. The Dalles 23. Walla Walla 22. Spokane 14. Yakima 12. Roseburg 32. Portland 34.

KLAMATH ROADS SLIPPERY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 12 (A)—Heavy fog hangs over the Klamath area early this morning adding a further hazard to motorists on slippery highways. A rising barometer indicated another fall of snow.

MINIMUM HERE 19 ABOVE

The minimum temperature in La Grande last night was 19 above zero, 11 degrees warmer than Baker and 21 warmer than at Burns.

Traces of snow fell here both yesterday and today.

Joyous Gayety Marks Good Time Christmas



We are going to have this year of 1931 a grand, long weekend for fun for Christmas falls on Friday.

This means that there will be three whole days to which we may abandon ourselves for festivity and with which we will ring up the curtain on a holiday season that will not be over until we have rung the last bell welcoming in the new year. This means, too, that we will have leisure to celebrate in several ways in which we are not always able to celebrate when Christmas day itself, the focal point of all our merry-making, falls in the middle of the week or at the beginning, with an interruption of an extensive program that may wish to carry out.

Offering a Varied Program
How are we going to plan our program for this fine, long stretch of good times? How can we arrange to include some festivity for every group? How are we going to make a time for fun outside the family, to lend our interest and our aid to the community Christmas celebration, for instance, and plan so that we can share without rush or excess hurry in the day school closing program and the church ceremonies surrounding Christmas? Such a multitude of things to divide our efforts!

Well, it's a pretty good plan to take pencil and paper and set it all down "in black on white." Let's make out a tentative holiday program and put it down, perhaps, like this:

Thursday, Dec. 24—Christmas eve. Family supper and Christmas tree. Gift distribution. Afternoon vespers at the church. Midnight service.
Friday, Dec. 25—Christmas day. Stockings, and Christmas breakfast. Christmas service at the church. Christmas dinner at noon. Christmas tea in early evening. A family day and evening.
Saturday, Dec. 26—A day for play. Outdoor sports for everybody in the afternoon. Movies in the evening. Or afternoon tea "on tap" for callers, and an evening of bridge.
Sunday, Dec. 27—A day for church-going and possibly a Sunday evening tea for family or guests.
Monday, Dec. 28 to Thursday, Dec. 31—Club parties and private parties, teas, bridge luncheons, buffet suppers or dinner parties and dances.
Thursday, Dec. 31—Formal dancing parties and New Year's revelry.
Friday, Jan. 1—Family dinner party. Informal afternoon.

Fun at the Office
There will be a hectic preamble to all this program—one must count on that. Every office will have its afternoon of fun the day before Christmas, with its dime store grab bag for a gift exchange and perhaps a gift little afternoon "spread" and a distribution of Christmas gold pieces or bonuses. There will be parties for "the poor" in every club and church and social center, there will be church school entertainments and parties and programs, every card club will have its little gift exchange and special festivity for Christmas, and we will come in this program for the Christmas time proper with a whole and a bang—we always do, you know.

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4:00 Gatusal Camp Fire, with Mrs. Raymond O. Williams.

6:30 Potluck supper, Royal Neighbors of America, at the I. O. O. F. hall.

7:00 Daughters of Union Veterans, at the Moose hall.

8:00 Eastern Star Social club, at the Masonic hall.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

2:00 M. I. L. club, with Mrs. Ray Gooding.

2:00 Holoma club, with Mrs. Clyde Charlton.

2:00 Second Ward Relief society, at the church.

2:00 Neighborhood club, at the La Grande hotel.

7:30 U-go I-go club, with Mrs. O. May Noyes.

7:30 Neighbors of Woodcraft, at the Odd Fellows hall.

7:30 Delphian chapter, at the

Wednesday, Dec. 16

11:00 Parkdale club, Christmas party, with Mrs. Emma Blokland.

1:00 Clio Luncheon club, with Mrs. Hal Bohneknapp.

2:00 Bible Searchers, class of the Presbyterian church, at the church.

2:00 Missionary society of the Methodist church, with Mrs. R. F. Tyler.

2:00 St. Peter's Episcopal guild, with Mrs. G. A. Barron, 1505 Oak.

2:00 K. D. club, with Mrs. Lucy Winburn.

2:00 Eagle Relief club, with Mrs. Beadie Higgins.

4:00 Nettappew Camp Fire circle, at the Methodist church.

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8:00 So Ne He club, at Lane chapel.

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Thursday, Dec. 17

1:00 Jolly Bridge club, with Mrs. G. B. Williams.

1:00 Poppy Bridge club, with Mrs. Otis Palmer.

2:00 Bridge club, with Mrs. A. M. Moore.

6:30 Three D club, with Mr. and Mrs. Nate Zweifel.

7:30 Eagle auxiliary, at the hall.

8:00 Triangle Bridge club, with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Riley.

Friday, Dec. 18

1:00 Bridge luncheon, with Mrs. J. D. Hain.

2:00 Baptist Missionary society, with Mrs. C. E. Happersett.

2:35 Central Parent Teachers association at the school.

2:45 Greenwood Parent Teacher association, at the school.

3:00 Associated Girl Students of the L. H. S., party at the High

Saturday, Dec. 12

7:30 Order of Rainbow for Girls, at the Masonic hall.

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They are those fore-handed souls who have done their Christmas shopping weeks before there was ever a sign of Christmas tinsel and green in the shops, none of the crush and rush of December days. But, after all, what makes the real Christmas time if some of this hurry and rush and scramble does not contribute to it? And those who ring up the curtain on Christmas eve in all this excitement and flurry have a good chance at considerably more of a Christmas thrill than our more orderly and restrained friends.

There will be a whole week before us for all the fun we can find in the holiday time. There will be many parties—late morning breakfasts for the college girls, bridge luncheons and bridge teas for them and for their mothers, announcement parties and gift shower parties for brides-elect, teas for alumnae groups, progressive dinners for the high school girls and boys, parties at the club, parties for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls—just every sort of party.

There will be luncheons at which college folk will meet in downtown tea rooms and there will be elaborate evening balls, and the dinner parties that precede them. We can dedicate ourselves without reserve to good times during this week, for they will be many and elaborate.

Climax to a Gay Week
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