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A merry Christmas to friend and foe is The Sentinel's sincere wish—to our friends because they are our most cherished possessions—to our foes because the Christmas spirit may show them the error of their ways, and because they cause us to appreciate our friends the more.

WISDOM OF COUNTY JUDGES.

The county judges and county commissioners of Oregon, in session in Portland, resolved for the employment of Oregon materials and products. While not so stated in the resolution, the judges and commissioners probably had reference to the use of such materials and products upon work paid for with Oregon tax money.

We do not know whether or not this resolution means that Oregon tax money has been used for the purchase of products of other states, but we are deeply impressed with the wisdom of the county judges and county commissioners, who sagely remind us that purchase of Oregon products will greatly aid to give employment to Oregon labor. This seems an honest and straightforward statement openly arrived at and impossible of successful contradiction.

It will seem to many that the county judges and county commissioners have wasted their energies taking time to adopt a resolution the contents of which are patent to all, yet it probably is a fact that half the people who would be scandalized to see their tax money unnecessarily spent outside the state give almost no consideration whatever to whether or not goods for which they spend their private money are made in Oregon.

How many of such ever inquire as to whether or not the cloth that goes into a suit of clothes for them was made in Oregon? How many question the grocer as to whether or not the broom, the soap, the breakfast food, the baking powder, or a hundred other things he buys, are made in Oregon? How many who take a drink at a



His New Year Loaf

A legacy from the old to the new. From year to year our bread grows even better, and our friends increase in number. Our bread is known for lightness, purity and wholesomeness. Resolve to use none other the coming year.

BENDER'S CITY BAKERY
Three Doors East of the Bridge

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Yes, and then some.

We can't tell you of them all but we do want you to come to see them and we'll help you all we can to make a selection.

Don't be like the little lady from out of town who said: "My! I wish I had come here sooner. I didn't think of you having so many beautiful things."

This isn't boasting—it is just a truthful statement easily verified. Let us show you.

The Modern Pharmacy
Cottage Grove Oregon

soda fountain ask for an Oregon product, in place of California grapejuice, or some other product from some other state?

These are just examples to show that the action of the county judges and county commissioners was not as foolish as it looks upon the face. We are paying altogether too little attention to whether or not we are buying Oregon goods for our public and domestic needs.

ADVERTISING MUST BE TRUTHFUL

Upon numerous occasions those having advertising to place in the columns of The Sentinel have thought impudent our inquiries as to the truth of statements made in their advertising. Usually such instances have been when some one came to establish a business for a short time only and it made little difference to them whether or not their advertising was afterwards found to be untruthful.

It is different with the newspaper, however. Its business should be to protect the legitimate advertiser, the business man who is here to remain and to prove the truth of his assertions. Besides that, the newspaper has a reputation to maintain and it is dishonest for any newspaper to publish advertising which it knows is dishonest and untruthful, or which it believes to be of that character.

The Sentinel maintains that it has a right to ask for proof of the truth of advertising placed in its columns and whether or not advertisers are willing to acknowledge that it has such a right, it will take whatever action or precaution it thinks necessary to guard against deception of its readers.

Along this line it is interesting to note that the proprietors of an alleged "army" store are under arrest in Portland for misleading advertising. They gave the impression that the store was being conducted for the government, whereas the business and stock were privately owned. The Better Business Bureau of the Portland Ad club caused the arrest of the proprietors.

So it seems that The Sentinel is not only protecting its own interests but it is protecting the interests of those who offer untruthful advertising when it refuses to accept such advertising.

It pays to be honest in business and it is not honest to take money dishonestly secured, knowing it to have been secured in that manner.

REPUBLICANS TO BLAME.

The democrats say that the republican landslide is responsible for the lack of employment now existing over the country. The republicans might remind democrats that they have always contended that only the conditions of war which took away the need of a tariff wall have saved the country during the past eight years, which would be much more fact than fiction, but the republican landslide may be really to blame, for those in foreign countries realize that they must get their goods into the United States before the republicans take hold of the reins of government, if they would avoid the tariffs which the republicans will impose to protect American industry and the American farmer. The republican landslide is to blame and the democrats in congress will not help to put up the tariff wall that would stop the glutting of our markets with foreign goods, foreign wheat and other products.

PUNISHMENT IS CERTAIN.

Lebanon Criterion: Young men with a tendency to take the wrong view of the responsibilities of life have before them at this time more than one example of the punishment that is bound to follow when they step over the border of an honest life into the criminal world. Five young men robbed the U. S. mail at Council Bluffs, Iowa, less than two months ago and already three of them are in the penitentiary for the crime and the other two are well on their way to the same destination. Two young men who killed a Jewish young man near Oregon City that they might obtain his new automobile were both behind the bars of the Oregon penitentiary in sixty days following the crime and

will remain there during the period of their lives. Every daily paper tells of young men in some portion of the country who have stooped to crime as a means of making an easy living and the next one tells of their apprehension and conviction. True some men commit crimes who do not fall into the clutches of the law, but they are the exception and their life is anything but a pleasant one even if they do escape the just penalty of their crime for a time. The fear that they will be caught is ever present and it will follow them to the end of their days. It is far better to live within the bounds of honesty even if it does seemingly curtail opportunity for the time. Once a criminal, opportunity is in most cases eternally lost.

In a recent issue the Oregonian gave a list of cabinet members and omitted the name of Burleson. Within a day or so it corrected the mistake. Even at that it did not make the mistake that Wilson did when he put Burleson in and Wilson is not nearly as ready as the Oregonian to correct the mistake.

OUR OWN MISTLAND

The Oregon Growers' Cooperative association recently decided to market its product under the name of "Mistland." Straightway there went up a protest that this would be a concession to those who inveigh against the Oregon mist and that it would prove a black eye to the state.

Somehow or other we do not incline to that theory. When we decided several years ago that we would come to Oregon we were told that we soon would get tired of the rains which, we were informed, commenced upon the first day of January and continued unintermittently to the last day of the following December.

We decided to test the truth of the statements for ourselves, and we are well satisfied. We found the Oregon mist no myth. We have frequently seen the mist drizzle down almost unintermittently for a week or two at a time, but never have we once felt regret that we adopted Oregon for a home.

The continued falling mist may be disagreeable at times, although we have never found it as much so as other disagreeable features of climate to be found elsewhere, and the weather reports show that we have no more rainfall in a year than eastern states and the same reports show that we have our full share of sunshine and clear days.

The mist is not necessarily a black eye. It is a peculiarly Oregon weather condition. It is almost an Oregon institution. We can not do away with it and, could we do so, we would pray for its return. It is the part of the climatic conditions which gives us long life and robust health and it is the part of our climatic conditions which gives to our fruits the quality which puts them in class A on the market.

California has capitalized its sunshine, which becomes as disagreeable at times as the Oregon mist. Let us capitalize our mist. Let's give our Oregon mist the position in the galaxy of climates to which it is entitled. Let us advertise it as an Oregon asset, which it is, instead of deprecating the statements of those who speak of it as something of which we should be ashamed. Let the knockers advertise us. Let them tell about our mist. "Mistland" fruits can be grown nowhere else and thousands of people who eat the fruit sold under the "Mistland" label will think of the Mistland as a place where the best folks on earth should go to be happy and contented.

It's our Mistland. Boost it! Advertise it! Capitalize it! Hurray for it! There's none other like it and none other like the Mistland products of the Mistland!

AMERICAN LEGION COMES BACK.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Dec. 21.—(To the Editor.)—We appreciate the sentiment expressed in your recent editorial and if your intention was to put ex-service men on their mettle to such an extent that the local post be made an active going concern, your efforts have been rewarded. We decided to continue in business at the old stand and have elected officers in whom we have every confidence and whom we expect to see make the post a virile factor in the affairs of the community.

Having admitted that even ex-service men may be derelict in duty, and not attempting to minimize any of our faults, we feel that we have as good a right to criticize as the editor of The Sentinel, or as anyone else in the community. No one should criticize unless he is willing to be criticized. We are willing to qualify under this rule.

Now, we wish to say that the American Legion can be no more successful in the affairs of peace without the active support and cooperation of citizens outside the organization that the soldiers in Europe would have been without similar support. Do not expect us to lift every load from your shoulders and bear every burden for you. If we did so, even if we could, that action would only make mighty poor citizens of you while you are suggesting that we may not always perform our full duty.

We have endeavored to fulfill our duty in the past to the best of our ability. We are willing to do so now. Most of us are trying to do so now, but we want you to come along with us. We want you with us, and this time you can go wherever we go and do everything that we can do. Are you then yourself willing to do what you sometimes criticize us for failing to do?

Drop into our meetings once in awhile. They are wide open. We have no secret work. We have no secret convales. We are planning no political upheavals. Nothing is said or done in our hall which any man or woman may not hear and see. You are welcome, whether or not you ever donned the uniform. If you are not a member, you have no vote, but if we like your looks we may ask you to say a few words, if you are not afraid of being cut down by a stage-fright barrage or a palpitating "dud" where your heart ought to be.

You can do what you ask us to do. We are willing to do what we ask you

to do. Come on in once in awhile. If you can't help us, may be we can help you. At any rate, we're willing to try, whether you are or not.

AMERICAN LEGIONER.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think.

The parcel post can't carry the treasury deficit.

Pork barrel policies may yet put the country on the hog.

The man who loves his enemies is a doggoned liar usually.

Man wants but little here below, but wants that little right away.

One of our greatest faults is worrying about the faults of others.

Anyway the fish that got away is good for another story next time.

Sometimes the more indifferent you appear the more you are likely to hear.

A girl can marry a man for his money but she can hardly be a wife to him.

Some congressmen must feel like cannibals the way they go after the pork.

The price of the stuff the lawyer sells is not based on the cost of production.

It takes a real disaster to enable you to sort the heroes and brave ones from the cravens.

We all believe in reforms—the only trouble is to get someone else upon whom to start.

Woman never gets her clothes so tight around the limbs that she can't jump at conclusions.

A pessimist is one who won't believe there is a core in the apple until he has eaten down to it.

A man who starts smoking with the idea that it is easy to break off any time, has a pipe dream.

Any pretty young girl on trial for a great crime may as well get ready to sign a vaudeville contract.

Be sure you're right—then act just as cautiously as if there were a possibility of your being mistaken.

The person who laughs at someone else who has the toothache certainly couldn't ever have had it himself.

The way we grieve and wail over our little troubles, it's a wonder that some others haven't died with theirs.

A girl thinks a man a cad when he asks her for a kiss and then fails to properly interpret her I-wish-he-would silence.

The person who wants to borrow trouble never has any trouble in getting accommodated at a low rate of interest.

The income tax may be a blessing in disguise. Some folks ain't bothering us any more by bragging about their incomes.

When a woman gets her first gray hairs, she begins to wonder whether or not it will longer be wise to claim to be only 25.

The farmer's boy these days knows more about a carburetor and a differential than he does about a breaking plow and harrow.

A man who wants to be a candidate for office can usually make enough noise about it to convince himself that the people are calling.

What's the use of promising to love. If you already love it is unnecessary to promise and if you do not love it will do no good to promise.

If kisses are poisonous, perhaps they act as their own antidote. That's the only way man can account for their own repeated escape from a terrible death.

Your morals may have little effect upon your success in life so long as you are not found out; but the immoral can not long keep it to themselves.

An income tax bill is about the only dun a man could receive for something he doesn't owe that would make him feel like thanking the sender for the courtesy.

Those who have served in positions of trust are not as quick to criticize as those who never have and haven't the ability to get into a position where they would be criticized.

Bernard Shaw, or some one of equal prominence, once said he would not be a mother for \$10,000. Possibly he couldn't find anyone willing to have him for a mother at that price.

From a close and careful scrutiny of the new styles in surf costumes we come to the conclusion that the girls want to demonstrate that they are bona fide daughters of Mother Eve.

When a man or woman is naturally of a somewhat mildly hilarious disposition, it annoys them when they are acting dignified to be asked if they are sick or if something is the matter.

A hero is a person who does one thing so well that people notice it while overlooking the deeds of those who every day do things equally as heroic but who do not know how to advertise.

A man who made a proposition to kiss all the good looking women that appeared upon the streets of a city in this state was arrested upon a charge of kissing every woman that he saw. Quite naturally his defense was that he couldn't find any other kind.

Safeguarded by the Government



THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES DEMAND EXPLANATION OF EVERY ENTRY AND EVERY TRANSACTION ON OUR BOOKS.

This fact alone should assure you that there is not the slightest risk on your part when you intrust your money to our care.

Every benefit that any bank in the land has to offer is yours, if you deal with us. Our investments are limited to those that the U. S. government deems safe, and our reserve is at all times more than enough to meet every demand of the present.

This security costs you nothing and you should take advantage of it.

First National Bank

THE OLD RELIABLE COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON

The Fair Store

We wish to thank the people generally for the largest Christmas trade we have ever had. We promise to do our utmost to make our store a pleasant place to trade and can assure you that you are always welcome here.

Wishing one and all a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

THE FAIR STORE

J. A. WRIGHT, Prop.

P. S.—Be sure and be at our store the last few hours before Christmas—it will pay you. Remember that our salesladies leave at 8:30. Store open tonight.

Subscribe if you can, borrow it if you need to, steal it if you have to, but read The Sentinel

Your Eyes and Glasses



If you value your eyes as you should, you will not inquire: "Where can I buy glasses the cheapest?" but instead say: "Who is most competent to prescribe the best?" "Money talks," but it never says anything good about cheap glasses.

I give your eyes a careful, thorough examination, make glasses expressly for your individual requirements, and charge what they are worth.

Sherman W. Moody

OPTOMETRIST

881 Willamette St., Eugene, Oregon