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If we stop and think we can readily see that the community that pulls together will do more and accomplish better results than the one that is always divided. By buying our goods from our local merchants and from one another, instead of sending away for them, we are constantly increasing the wealth of the community and the resultant prosperity of each individual. When much money comes into the community and only a portion of it goes out again the surplus at home will grow, and grow, and grow, until it becomes a veritable Eden of wealth. Let's do a little thinking.

The Government has been spending millions investigating all kinds of big business until business generally is afraid of government. Why should not business take hold of government and do some investigating and find out why taxes are so outrageously high? Why should not the state government be required like the counties to publish in all the newspapers just what it is doing? Why should not a budget of the expenditures of the different departments be made public to show just what they do with the money? It is stated that officials collect $365,000 in fees that are not accounted for, ranging from $20,000 for labor to $140,000 for game. The time has come for a thorough overhauling of the functions and functionaries and institutions and see what they do with the money.—Industrial News Bureau.

Do you know you can afford to see California, and the Greatest World's Fair ever heard of?

The coming year is the year of big chances. You may have been planning on going to the Panama Exposition, also saving your dollars so you can go. You probably have always wanted to see California, because you know that the State is talked about, written about, and sung about. With her sunshine and orange blossoms, the picture is a wonder.

Now you can gratify your heart's desire and at no expense to yourself, or family, for Lauthers Mercantile Company and the St. Johns Review have arranged to meet you more than half way. You pay them in good words; they doubly pay you and your friends. Furthermore, every one is going to the Exposition that can possibly go so, and you cannot afford to be a "Stay at Home," and then in wild eyed amazement and deep regrets, hear your friends relate tales of the wonderful sights and pleasures they enjoyed.

The old city of San Francisco, with the greatest harbor in the World, with its high buildings, its broad streets and beautiful parks, is a sight to be desired, and with the International Panama Exposition, makes the trip better than a year abroad or two years in college.

Now some one will also have their entire life changed by seeing and grasping the Golden Opportunities that are bound to be presented. Are you interested? If so, call on the Lauthers Mercantile Company, and by just asking your friends and relatives to trade at their store, or subscribe to the St. Johns Review, win one of these trips with all your expenses paid.

The creation in Los Angeles last Spring of the office of Public Defender suddenly awakened the various cities to the fact that a very necessary official of the judiciary system had been discovered.

The idea of paying a man to prosecute ostensible offenders of the law and then paying another to defend them seemed, at first glance, like pulling in two different ways, but a short time after the office had been in commission in that city it had demonstrated its worth, with the result that today some of the most influential newspapers and magazines are leading a publicity campaign which will probably result, and within a comparatively short time, in every city in the country which has a prosecutor having its foil—The Public Defender.

The old way of disposing of criminal cases, or rather, of the alleged criminal, who was unable to employ an attorney to defend him, consisting of the judge appointing a fledgling lawyer to handle the case—excellent practice for the lawyer, but rough on the accused, who rarely got off with less than the maximum penalty.

The ancient whose regarding the prisoner, when the attorney appointed by the court to defend him was pointed out, immediately pleaded guilty and threw himself upon the mercy of the court, was not entirely without foundation.

Under the new order this will be changed; indigent prisoners will be defended by counsel as able, dignified and respectable, and with the same prestige of the State behind him, as the prosecutor, and all prisoners, poor or rich, will be placed upon a true equality before the law.—Exchange.

Catholic Church Notes

The ancient ritual of the Catholic church will be followed closely at all the solemn services of Christmas Day; Mass of the Nativity at five o'clock a. m.; early Christmas morning Mass at eight o'clock; late High Mass of Christmas Day at 10:30 a. m. Christmas night devotions at eight o'clock. The regular choir, assisted by the Vested Choir of Sanctuary boys will render special music at the five o'clock and the 10:30 o'clock Masses, also at the night services.

On next Sunday Dec. 27th, morning services as usual; Holy Communion at seven o'clock; low Mass at eight, and high Mass at half past ten. Benediction immediately after high Mass, as on this one Sunday evening there will be no night services in the church. Reported.

Christmas Tide Musical

On Sunday evening, December 27th, at 7:30, Christmas Tide musical and dramatic exercises will be held in the Catholic school hall in which the music pupils and the children of the schools, also the Young Ladies' Sodality will participate.

The first part of the program will consist of beautiful selections of Christmas music, also recitals by the children; the second part of the program will comprise a drama entitled, "In Search of the Star of Bethlehem," the time and place being the hill sides of Judea on the night of our Saviour's birth. The principal characters will be taken by Misses Mary Riess, Adelia Boyd, Alice Royer, Regin Parent, Elizabeth Boyd. Besides these, there will be angels, shepherds, and those who will comprise the invisible angelic choir. The final scene is a tableaux of the Nativity. Admission is 25 cents children 10 cents. Those in charge promise a program that will be a pleasure and an inspiration to all who attend.

Mr. Homeseeker, Read This

Four room modern cottage, in fine location between car lines St. Johns; includes shades, electric light and gas fixtures, very best of plumbing; everything spick and span, new, never been occupied or used; Dutch kitchen, fine shade in front and facing East, some small fruit and garden space. Placed in our hands to sell for $1500. Owner says must have the cash and to sell for $1050—$500 cash and balance three years at eight per cent. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL BE MAKING MONEY TO BUY THIS.—McKinney & Davis, Agents.

Will Not Ship Liquor

The Southern Pacific is reminding wine and liquor shippers in general that, owing to the new prohibition law in Arizona, which becomes effective January 1st, it will be necessary for the railroads serving that state to decline to accept for transportation to Arizona points any shipments of intoxicants after January 1st. Likewise, it will not be possible to accept such shipments which cannot be delivered at destination on or prior to December 31st, 1914.

The law was adopted by popular vote in Arizona, and the railroads, as common carriers, are charged with the same responsibility as individuals for the observance of it. Agents, conductors and others have been notified to bear this actively in mind.

Interested shippers have been urged to forward any shipments of this nature intended for Arizona points without delay, as the carriers must be sure they can get the shipment into the state by December 31st, 1914, or refuse to accept them.

The instructions do not apply to shipments of liquor between points in Arizona over a route entirely within the state, nor to shipments from Arizona to points outside the state.

The four counties included in the Southern Oregon Association are preparing a splendid exhibit of their best products to be installed in the Oregon building at the Panama Exposition next year. They will occupy a space ten by fifty feet suplemented by a double wall space through the center of the exhibit. Douglass will display gold, silver and copper ores; Josephine county will send several tons of metals; Klamath will show the game and fishes to be found in its fields and lakes, while the city of Klamath Falls will specialize in grains, grasses and dry farming products. Jackson county will send a dining room set of seven pieces made of 700 sets of deer horns, the set being valued at $6,000. This county will also send 1300 boxes of apples for display and for presentation to visitors. The State Immigration Commission is cooperating with these counties, and the booths will exhibit one of the finest collections of pictures illustrating the state's resources.

As a means of reducing the number of rabbits in Eastern and Central Oregon and at the same time assist Portland in taking care of the needy, a series of rabbit drives will be organized, men and boys being employed to slaughter the rabbits, others will haul them to the railroad stations and the O. W. R. & N. Co. will transport them to Portland free of charge and deliver the game to the headquarters of the Muts, in the Pittock Block, from which point they will be distributed to the consumers.

The P. R. L. & Co. has asked the aid of the city in establishing a rest room on Jersey street in the room formerly occupied by the North Bank Pharmacy. The city council has agreed to donate $10 per month toward the project. It is to be hoped that the rest room will be established, as such a convenience has long been needed.

Note the label on your paper

Christmas

"Peace on earth and to man good will," will sound harshly on the ears of civilized men this year, says Goodwin's Weekly. Millions of men fighting, thousands dying daily in the bloody trenches and in hospitals; tens of thousands starving and naked because of the war; homes devastated, fertile fields converted into deserts; all the wild beast instincts in men's hearts aroused and like real wild beasts seeking for prey; hearts by millions breaking—surely to the outward eye it looks as though Christianity was passing through such a cataclysm as comes to the earth at times, and which men designate as a "geological period."

It is all the worse when we seek to understand the cause of the upheaval. Those who raise the food which the world eats, those who carry on the world's work; those whose ambition was limited to lives of toil and whose delight was in a little vine covered home and the wife and the joyous children in the home, had no grievances against their fellow workers; there was no threat of any barbarous invasion; no vital principle which concerned the welfare of the nations at stake; no trouble that could not have been fairly and easily settled.

There can be but one conclusion. Some men in power did not want an easy and fair settlement. They preferred to call in the old law of might to accomplish for them an unfair settlement, and so invoked the same god that ruled in the stone age, when one savage man wanted the cave of a brother savage.

If behind all a divine purpose is being carried out through this path of suffering, no mortal vision can penetrate the darkness and see the plan, except that it be to awaken the men who carry on the work, and raise the food to feed mankind, to determine that henceforth they will insist upon being consulted before such a destruction as is now going on shall be precipitated. "Long is the way and dark that out of hell leads up to light," and the law of just compensation is slow in establishing its decrees; hence in such an upheaval the finite mind cannot fathom the design.

But in our country there is nothing this year to prevent the singing of the Christmas carols; nothing to dampen the joys of children over the coming of the day with its gifts—the earth has been blessed by a great harvest and no omens, presaging disaster, are in the sky.

Why not then ring the joy bells, and sing the carols? Why not let the children's laughter—which is sweeter than bells or songs, over their treasures be heard? Why should not all the pomp of organ and choir and burning incense be brought forth to do honor to the day which is the anniversary of the day when the lamp of a new and immortal hope was lighted in the souls of men?

To make the day perfect to those in affluence, the first duty is to read the old words: "Feed my lambs! Feed my sheep!" and so no one should be hungry or cold today. The old world is rocked by war, ours is basking in peace, to make the peace perfect its joys should be shared by all, that there be no jar in the ringing of the joy bells, no laments underlying the music of the Christmas carols, but all in accord should be willing to join in the glorious intonation of "Peace on earth and to man good will."

The council and Public Dock Commission have joined in a request upon the County Commissioners that the franchise of the United Railways on the Linnton road, which was revoked, to take effect January 31, be extended until such time as a new fanchise within the city can be properly prepared. It is the plan of the company to relinquish all its franchises for passenger service and conduct a service for the transportation of freight and express. It intends giving up its franchise on Stark street altogether.—Daily Abstract.

Holiday Stationery in boxes at a special discount of one-third off. This line must be sold. At the St. Johns Pharmacy.

PROGRAM

Of Christmas Musical and Dramatic Exercises at St. Clement's School Hall, Sunday evening, December 27th, commencing at 7:30:

- Part First -

Opening Chorus ..... Happy Bells
Clayton's Grand March ..... C. Blake
Wilfred and Laverne Moore
When Santa is Present ..... Anna White
Mocking Bird ..... Alice Hawthone
Ranold Atkison
Hurrah for Good Old Santa Claus ..... Arlene Reischmann and Minims
Silver Stars ..... Carl Bohm
Miss Bernice Brownley

TRAIN TO MAURO

Characters { Mr. Bright ..... Wilfred Moore
Mrs. Buttermilk ..... Gladys Faber
Johnny ..... Charles Royer }

Stephanie Gavotte ..... A. Czibulka
Miss May Barron and Miss Fern Harper
Katie's Christmas Dream ..... Grace Camp
Humoreske ..... Anton Dvorak
Miss Mabel Boxmann
Nellie's Christmas Prayer ..... Walter Lewis
Christmas Eve ..... Paul Kurz
Eileen Barry and Laverne Moore
Dreamy Moments ..... J. Ehrich
Clarence Asselin
Holy Night ..... Richard Schelle
Miss Fern Harper
Scenes that are the Brightest ..... Guido Rapini
Mr. A. Verdegan and Miss B. Brownley

Part Second

A Christmas Drama

Entitled

"In Search of the Star of Bethlehem"

First Scene—The Hillsides of Palestine

Time—The First Christmas Night

—CHARACTERS—

Esther, a crippled maiden of Bethelem ..... Mary Riess.
Ruth, her elder sister ..... Adelia Boyd
Margaret, a lineal descendant of King David ..... Alice Royer
Aristos, a Grecian Maiden ..... Regina Parent
Faustinia, of the Roman nobility ..... Elizabeth Boyd
Also Angels, Shepherds, and the Angelic Choir

—Second Scene—

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WITHIN THE STABLE