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This week the Courier is not up to its usual standard in reading matter and news. We are out a day ahead of time on account of Christmas day, which we desired our force to lay off and enjoy.

No Eastern mail has been received at Oregon City for the past four days. All trains from the East are now bound east of Rocky Mountains.

"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

This is Christmas week. The greatest festival of all the year. In every civilized country in the world there is rejoicing and good cheer.

"DAM THE POOR."

For cold blooded rapacity the editorial in the Enterprise last week in regard to the comments of the Courier on the delinquent tax list of Clackamas county is a remarkable utterance.

County Commissioners for the present state of affairs. We do know that the delinquent tax list of Clackamas county makes nearly three times as much when published as the delinquent tax list of Multnomah county as published in the Oregonian.

When the long hand points to 12 o'clock And the short hand points to 11 We turn our thoughts from earthly things

And think of those in heaven. Of those who've crossed the silent stream And climbed the farther hill— Who loved us ere they went away, God knows, we love them still.

Make the Most of Your Gifts. Personality has done wonders with both heredity and environment. It has made moderate gifts accomplish marvelous things.

Spoke From Experience. A man who tries to uphold all his statements with the prop of personal experience is pretty sure, sooner or later, to find himself in difficulties.

With Interest. "Yes, I know that certain passengers object to tipping on principle; but, speaking for myself, I believe in it," remarked a ruddy faced old man in the corner of a third class smoker.

Varnish From Seaweed. A kind of seaweed which is plentiful on the coast of China furnishes an admirable glue and varnish.

A Cheerful Proposal. A Scottish beadle one day led the maids housemaid to the churchyard and, pointing with his finger, stammered:

A Composer. Hoax—I thought you said that man was a musician? Joax—Nonsense! "You certainly told me he wrote melodies."

A Marrying Man. "Are you a marrying man?" was asked of a somber looking gentleman at a recent reception.

Younger, the watchmaker, has moved next door to Harris' Grocery.

Try This—Drop a Penny.

Have you ever noticed the interest that money attracts even if it is only a single cent? The next time that you see a copper coin dropped in a street car just observe. Every eye in the car will turn to the spot where it dropped, and there will be manifested a real general concern over its recovery.

When he has gone, there is a renewed interest among the passengers, for the stage of "finders keepers" has arrived, and those near the spot of disappearance become quite diligent until they are aware they make a center of attraction.

Making Them All One.

An elderly minister is fond of telling of a "break" he once made at a double wedding of two sisters. It was arranged that the two couples should be married with one ceremony, the two brides responding at the same time and the two bridegrooms doing the same.

A Bet and Its Odds.

A notorious gambler, who died some time ago, once wagered a thousand dollars to one that six would not be thrown with a pair of dice ten times in succession.

A Drawback.

"Well, James, how are you feeling today?" said the minister to one of his parishioners, an old man suffering from chronic rheumatism.

Sand Swept Aside. In the arid lands of central Asia the air is reported as often laden with fine detritus, which drifts like snow around conspicuous objects and tends to bury them in a dust drift.

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