

NOW A MATTER OF SPECULATION.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT HAS SADLY DEGENERATED

We Give Because We Receive, the Heart Has Little To Do

Today, while grubbing out a stump (it was an old timer and I did it in the good old way) I was doing a lot of thinking. Now don't tell me that it is impossible for a man to grub and think; that a thinking man would use powder, etc. Yes, I know about powder, for many a lunch have I eaten out of a tin can—the fool dinner pail—flavored with powder smoke, but to get powder you must have the price.

If you insist that only the lawyers, bankers and college professors of any thinking, will say there was a commotion under my ragged hat, which to my undeveloped mind is the act of thinking, and the thought was in part the changes taking place in industrial developments. Here was standing for ages undisturbed by the only true Americans I know anything about; stood until white men cleared it away by real hard labor. Of course the Indian, not being civilized did not real hard work, enjoyed no luxuries nor had any scandals, such as Portland is now trying hard to smother. Not being a Christian, or he might have cut the tree ages ago for a Christmas tree. On and on buzzed the wheels in my head recalling such fragments of history as I had read about the customs of Christians, or yuletide, rather, which the shrewd missionaries used for stock to graft their religion on, while grafting off the Norsemen and Goths in Northern Europe; how that happy mid-winter festival was made to typify the serenade of the heralds to shepherds in the eastern (not Oregon) country as compared to the northwestern part of Europe.

Then I wished for some old almanacs (which were destroyed by fire) that I might refresh my memory. But ancient history, shrouded in doubtful veracity, is not so important just now as are present day affairs. What is the present Christmas since it has become properly commercialized, along the line of all dividend-paying institutions? I am aware it requires some nerve to boldly bid defiance to a custom surrounded by traditions so old, hallowed by the delightful story of the Manger Child in far-away Bethlehem, and then coupled onto the memories sweetened by the sentiment of home-tides. The charm of reunion by the fire-side of kindred ones—just a few—about those things—just a few—but oh, I know that I shall be misunderstood by some real kind, loving hearts. But nevertheless I shall boldly venture into this Joss house and proceed to smash some images.

Christmas instead of a cheer brings many a pang of misery, not only to those out in the cold; not alone to those pieces of human dirtwood, which the salvation Army and a few others try to reach with a one full feed in the whole year, but to those who are able to float in a craft on life's stream while still holding firmly to the rudder. How many a poor girl tries to remember all her dear friends, and at what cost? Don't ask her. Her trials are hard enough to bear while concealing them. And not alone the girl, but the man, young or otherwise. You who read this perhaps know better than I could tell you, were I to employ the whole of the Courier.

I want to put a plug on the promiscuous giving if I can, no matter what good will I may lose. How much senseless, useless stuff is given. Often it becomes a burden to care for it. Just think of one girl living in a little rented room, receiving fine clothing, diamonds, the cost of which was three dollars in the aggregate. Can she afford her friends by throwing them in the ash barrel? No, she must spend an equal sum out of a very small purse to buy an equal lot of useless plunder from the shopkeeper and burden her friends.

Saloon treating has been severely and justly condemned, and many committees have attempted to prevent the evil with a Thou Shalt Not. But after all there is no difference except mere form in the two evils. The merchant class, appealing to every sentiment of family, friend or religion in order to sell what people don't need and often don't want, for profit, the same profit for which the gag joint is operated, only (and I speak from some few years of experience) the Christmas shop-keeper of general merchandise is more insistent than the saloon bar.

We have gone a long way toward a saner fourth of July, and now let us do the same for Christmas. I have no desire to destroy the Christmas spirit, but would like to turn it into more wholesome channels. I have memories of my own clinging about this holiday, and were I so disposed, and the editor not object to monopoly of space, I think even my feeble pen could cause some of you to feel the lump rise in the throat. But I care not to play with the tender and noble in man, but to present a protest against the capitalization of those very sentiments.

I am pleased to see women with the influence which wealth brings taking up the subject along with the women in the trade unions in eastern cities to abolish this evil of promiscuous giving of a lot of useless junk and make Christmas a nobler day. Let us begin now, not to shop early BUT TO CUT IT OUT.

The press reports that those of my friends who are planning a trip to the kingdom come via the all-water route, have now a revised version of that publication officially known as "The Bible of Family Study" in the one common use. I have read the "King James" translation under Divine guid-

ance" pretty thoroughly and of ten wondered if any of it was out of plumb, but having neither time, education, opportunity nor "Divine guidance," I simply took what was handed to me. Now these learned Eclesiastics got an other Divine inspiration, which is just the proper thing and will be strictly the Baptist Bible. Good idea. Now if the denominations will follow suit we may see each sect sending out ads like this:

"Don't allow yourself to be imposed upon by spurious bibles; accept no substitute. Don't let the clerk sell you anything just as good." See that the yellow label has our signature over the cork. If it has been tampered with refuse to take it. Send direct to us, etc.

How would I do for the harvest trust to get out an edition? By the dividends they rake in I do not think they went broke financing the only Pure One in the last presidential campaign, and I believe candidate having a peach to show the thing through in his usual his usual whirlwind style before the next campaign. Indeed, the more I think of it the more serious appears the scheme. Having revised the Sherman anti-trust law, without help from non-progress, also the golden rule, the ten commandments and the third term tradition, his revised spelling would come in in good play.

I will say for the benefit of the idollors of the candidate out of a job that I have not taken out any patent on the idea, so if they want to make some easy money let them make a swift pilgrimage to the cave at Lobster bay. But be careful, for he may claim he saw it first while standing at Armageddon shouldering the sword.

JOHN F. STARK.

WHO NOMINATED WILSON?

The Way a Woman Saw the Convention Wheels Turn Round.

Springwater, Ore Dec. 1

Editor Courier:

You ask me what trust nominated Wilson. When the break for Wilson came, after the many ballots had been taken, it was the break of Wall Street, and it was this support, led by Roger Sullivan of Illinois, Tom Taggart of Indiana, Charles Murphy of Tammany (the Tammany boss of New York) and Thomas Fortune Ryan of Virginia (head of the tobacco trust) that gave him the nomination. When Wall street delegates one after one declared for the nomination of Wilson with their solid state delegation, the eyes of the convention turned to Bryan expecting him to take the floor in opposition to Wilson, as he had said no candidate of Wall Street could have his support, or should be nominated by the convention, but Bryan held his peace.

Well, a little later Boss Murphy cast the vote of his ninety wax figures for Wilson and the convention went wild, according to reports, when Murphy rose and said New York cast ninety votes for Wilson and Tom Taggart said Indiana cast thirty votes for Wilson.

Tom Ryan and the solid Virginia delegation also voted for Mr Wilson. About the first thing Wilson did after his nomination was to make up with Nugent and Smith, the notorious bosses in New Jersey. His fight on and defeat of them figured largely in making him a popular favorite. When Boss Murphy and his Tammany tribe held their anniversary banquet, Wilson wrote to the secretary on receipt of an invitation to attend as follows:

It must be a matter for congratulation on the part of all lovers of America that the society of Tammany regularly celebrates the anniversary. It is upon hearths of this kind that the flames of liberty are kept burning.

Now who nominated Wilson? DORA MILLARD.

Would Carve us Again.

The latest plan to be evolved in the brain of our neighbors is to come before the people at the next general election in an effort to create Cascade county by taking off a slice of Clackamas, as attempted this year, and add to it all of the eastern portion of Multnomah, making Gresham the county seat. The idea has its merits and should be carefully considered, for it means more than appears on the surface. With such a condition of affairs as a new county would bring about, Portland would be given its opportunity to consolidate the city and county government, as in San Francisco, which is under one administration.—Gresham Outlook.

BEAVER CREEK.

The beautiful weather of the past two or weeks has been fine for the farmers. Nearly all of the fall grain is sown and some of the early grain is looking fine. All of the potatoes are out of the ground and farmers are looking for a good price to sell. Badger McNeynolds from Indiana is here to visit his grandfather, and his aunt Mrs. L. Steiner. He thinks he will remain during the winter as he says there was lots of snow and cold weather when he left Indiana.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness, and sympathy shown us during our recent sad bereavement. Lydia Swanson Carl Swanson Emil Swanson

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LOGAN

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the Grange on December 7th. Election day brought out a goodly number of members. The election resulted as follows: Master, A. M. Kirchem; Overseer, A. F. Sloper; lecturer Mrs. L. L. Kirchem; steward, A. L. Funk; assistant steward, George Tracy; chaplain, Mrs. A. Newkirk; treasurer, F. P. Wilson; secretary Lily Anderson; gate keeper, I. Pahl; cress, Mrs. S. I. Wilson; pomona, M. A. Gill; Flora, Mrs. S. E. Hagemann; L. A. Steward, Helen Tracy.

There will be a grange dance on December 25, when grangers are expected to furnish the supper and the dancers are expected to furnish the funds for the treasury. There will be an open installation at the January meeting and the prize plow will be auctioned off.

Sylvester Johnston, brother of A. J. Johnston, of Logan, died in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, and the remains were buried at Pleasant View Cemetery on November 28. He had lived for a short time here, but had been away for several years.

We extend congratulations to Allen W. Hutchins and bride, who were married November 27. The boys serenaded them with choice selections of the Logan band. We hear they will reside in Sellwood.

J. C. Young has been pulling some grub for A. J. Johnston. L. W. Foster has about completed painting the Grange Hall and barn.

There will be a special road meeting at the Grange Hall on December 30, to consider levying a road tax to build the Logan-Barton road.

Gerber Bros. have just finished hauling a large consignment of heavy timbers from Moser Bros. Mill that go to Los Angeles. F. P. Wilson is suffering from an ulceration of the tear gland of

THE POWER OF THE TRUSTS.

1,020 of Them Control all the Necessities of Life.

Editor Courier:— In last week's Courier you say "some of these days the state and national government will own all of these means of necessities."

In this sentence you have mentioned the only question of political policy that interests the American voters today. The trusts prevent millions every campaign to spend the people from even having a chance to express themselves on the question. The one political party that does advocate this policy is growing stronger, while the others are growing weaker, which proves that you are correct. We have one thousand twenty trusts that control all the necessities of life and make prices on what the people have to sell as well as what they have to buy. The census of 1900, Vol. V, page 4, shows 1,774,296 farms having incomes less than two hundred fifty dollars.

How much can the farmer buy back from the trust after paying taxes? The trusts can take the big profits and invest them in the mortgage Mr. Farmer has to put on his farm.

Then with his added profit of interest on farm mortgages he can buy up the timber and water power and hire Charlie Shields to help them prevent the people from taxing them.

The American farmer will be compelled to let the mortgage take the land and work for wages for the trusts on big farms like the one owned by Charles P. Taft in Texas, but he will have to work for the same money as the Mexicans by the thousands and manufacture everything on this farm of 350,000 acres. The farmer like the wage earner is soon to be in the pauper class unless the U. S. and state governments own and operate our industries, and run

CANBY

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Phillippe last Sunday.

Mr. Fisher has returned to his home in Canby. Andy Knight has also returned to his home in this city.

Warren Kendal is building an addition to his house at present. Ivan Wheeler and family have moved to Portland where they will make their future home. Mr. Wheeler intends either renting or selling his farm near Canby.

Jackson Rice, who lives in Eastern Oregon, was in Canby a few days ago. He was for several years a resident of this city. John Burns' mother, who has been visiting him and wife, returned to her home last Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Cochran is still confined to the house with sickness. Ed. Bradt is having his land plowed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns took Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter, in Portland. If the city of Portland grows as much in the next thirty years as it has in the past, it will surely be some town.

Mr. Rapes' nephew was visiting him a few days ago. He lives near Salem.

Harrison Bair has a lot of Christmas trees that he is going to ship to San Francisco in the near future.

It will soon be time of year for old Mr. Santa Claus to make his rounds and make the little folks glad. I hope they may all be made happy.

Funeral of Mrs Blackman

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Melissa Blackman were conducted at Beaver Creek Tuesday afternoon, Rev. S. P. Davis, formerly pastor of the Baptist church of this city, officiating. The remains were interred at Mountain View cemetery, and many

THE MARKET REPORTS.

Oregon City Prices for the Various Products of the Farm.

The price of eggs remains about the same as for several weeks, being from 35c. for western to 45c. for fresh Oregon eggs. Apples are retailing from 80c. to \$1.25. Some very fine King and Baldwins, being selected and well packed, have been selling in this city for 80c and 90c. per box. There are few pears in the market, they bring about \$1 per box.

There are plenty of fresh vegetables in the market, as there have been no frosts to damage until this week. Vegetables that are now being marketed by the local merchants are cabbage, turnips, rutabagas, onions, cucumbers (these being shipped in) beets, cauliflowers, lettuce, kale, onions, celery, peppers, parsnips, oyster plants. There is a good demand for all kinds of garden truck, and the merchants are not finding any difficulty in supplying the needs.

HIDES (buying) green hides 6c to 7c; salted 7c; dry hides 12c to 14c; sheep pelts 30c to 85c each. EGGS—Oregon ranch eggs 43c and 45c case count. FEED—(Selling) Shorts \$27; bran \$25; process barley \$38 per ton. FLOUR—\$4.60 to \$5.50. Hay—(buying) Clover at \$9 and \$10; oat hay best \$11 and \$12 mixed \$10 and \$12; alfalfa \$15 to \$16.50; Idaho timothy \$20; whole corn \$40. OATS—\$26; wheat \$1.05 bush; all; oil meal selling about \$55; Shay Brook dairy feed \$1.30 per hundred pounds.

Live Stock, Meats Beef—(live weight) steers 6 and 6 1-2; cows 5 and 5 1-2; bulls 4 1-2 c. MUTTON—Sheep 3 to 5 cents. CHICKENS—1 1-2 c. PORK—9 1-2 and 10 cents. VEAL—Calves 12c to 13c; dressed according to grade. POULTRY—(Buying) Hens 14c; spring 13c; roosters 8c. MOHAIR—33c to 35c.

Fruit APPLES—70c and \$1. DRIED FRUITS—(Buying) Prunes on basis 6c to 8c. VEGETABLES ONIONS 1c pound; peppers 7c pound. BUTTER (Buying) Ordinary country butter 30c to 35c; fancy dairy 80c per roll.

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