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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, DEC. 25, 1917.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

The Spirit of Christmas is generated within. Whether this is to be a day of forebodings and of gloomy comparisons with other days, or an occasion of sacrifice and service that bring joy, will depend upon ourselves. The self-centered will be the pessimists. To others there will be intense satisfaction in the opportunities that the day will produce. There is a way to make this Christmas truly There is "merry Christmas," and that way is to absorb the sense of its reality and the truth that its root idea is sacrifice as taught by the Incarnation. No man who lives for himself and in himself can possibly appreciate Christmas, least of all today.

When Tennyson developed his philosophy of life and death in his immortal tribute to his friend, in "In Memoriam," he marked a path for a world to follow. The lines long ago outgrew any restricted application They are especially appropriate now. after sixty-seven years have passed. For example:

This year I slept and woke with pain, I almost wished no more to wake, And that my hold on life would break Before I heard those bells again,

. Yet the preparations went on, despite the absence of the guest. Holly boughs and wreaths were hung.

With trembling fingers did we weave The holly round the Christmas hearth; A rainy cloud possess'd the earth, And sadly fell our Christmas eve.

But by degrees the spirit of the day inspired the company. "Our voices took a higher range," sang Tennyson. "Once more we sang":

. They do not die Nor lose their mortal sympathy, Nor change to us, although they change;

Rapt from the fickle and the frail With gather'd power, yet the sam Plerces the keen scraphic fiame. From orb to orb, from vell to vell.

And so it unfolded-a deeper sense of real values bringing peace:

Rise, happy morn, rise, holy morn, Draw forth the chearful day from n O, Father, touch the East, and ligh The light that shone when hops was night

The birth of hope and the spirit of sacrifice are the lessons of the day. Perfunctory gift-giving widely misse the mark. Those who have put themselves into their gifts will have found joy in the giving, and those who have measured up to the full demands of this especial year will have had no time to wrap themselves in pessimism. If there are sorrow and affliction and suffering in the world, there is all the

while in America they would come their exercise has passed.

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

No trumpet-blast profaned The nour in which the Prince of Peace was born. No bloody streamlet stained Earth's sliver rivers on that sacred morn. -Bryant.

Christ and Peace-Christmas and Joy-these are the messages of the day. But for three successive Christmas days the world has been convulsed by its most tremendous tragedy. True we have as yet given only of our oney and sympathy, but who can foresee the end?

Only last Sunday-nineteen hundred and more years after the gentle Christ had been born, and had thirty odd years later died to save the world -six hundred orphan children were

France and were made happy for a time by kind-hearted American sol-diers. Their fathers had died in bat-tle. "Not a few of them," says the story.

"had been found wandering aimlessly about the war zone, unable to tell who of them still remains unknown." If any good can come out of a thing

so horrible as war-and we think it will-it will be to teach the typical American that, though he may not be his brother's keeper, he is keeper of his brother's lost and help-

less children.

BARNABEE AS A COMEDIAN.

Henry Clay Barnabee, who died near Boston recently at the ripe age of eighty-five years, left memories of his complete art as a comedian and public entertainer. Nobody who ever saw him will forget him-that is to say, be no joy in the world but the joy nobody who had the rare fortune to of crushing those who oppose them. see and hear that delightful artist when he was at his prime and when he (the aforesaid nobody) was at the age of fresh enjoyment of genuine stage fun, plus real intelligence and minus old-fashloned horse-play. The maturity of Barnabee as a comedian

nust have extended from youth to old age, for there are persons who heard him years ago and who heard him after, and they will testify no Barnabee was identified with the opera in America. He was contemance of the immortal "Pinafore," ter; but it is true enough that he the whole country. was best and longest known for his association with The Bostonians and

with the never-to-be-forgotten "Robin Hood. was the Barnabee role, and to most of Barnabee.

in tenor, William H. Mc Donald of much more than the tonnage which Bohemians of the United States have bariton, Henry C. Barnabee as the Board has set as its goal. Marie Stone as prima ionna, and Jessie Bartlett Davis (either then or later) as con-tralto. Barnabee stayed with the oror later) as conganization from first to last. He was

its chief artistic stay during its money-making days, and he was its ending financial resource when the box-office needed strengthening from he inside. There the savings of his a petition to the President asking for prosperous years were spent, and there is the reason why this fine old ministrator" to cope with the imporcomedian died in comparative pov-

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erty. The Bostonians came along after the amazing success of "Pinafore" and "The Mikado" both here and in view of speedy construction reabroad, with "Robin Hood" and with "The Serenade," "The Ogallalas," and others not so easily recalled. But it returns.

autocracy is absurd, for in Germany stuffs, such as starch, out of inorganic done it oftener. Mutinies of Czech such powers come from the Kaiser, substances, such as carbon dioxide and troops have been suppressed by wholewater, utilizing sunlight as a source of that it energy of the host-tree for its living. for liberty,

The scientist makes his deduction from the presence of chlorophyll in ense of the term.

PRUSSIAN CHRISTMAS.

The Prussian Santa Claus rides a horse this year. Instead of the tinkling of sleighbells, the clanking of sabre on spur is heard. The international figure of the old saint Germany."

News dispatches recently received the new direction taken by the geniu of German toymakers, once among the most famous in the world. Noah's arks are no longer popular in Ger-many. A skilfully executed counterfeit of a ruined French chateau is now offered instead. Building blocks have given place to demolished enemy farmhe ses. Factories that formerly turned out animal puzzles now do a they were. The parentage of numbers more thriving business in effigies of wounded soldiers in the uniforms of the entente allies. The art of the

wood carver is said to have surpassed itself in producing the expression agony on the faces of the counterfeits the of Prussia's foes. This denotes the psychology we are

called upon to combat in this war. The Prussian leaders are not only devoid of mercy, and tolerance, but also of all sense of humor. Not even the season of good will tempers their propaganda. They would make even

the children into beasts if doing would help them accomplish their will. It is their idea that there can The fashion in German toys this year is not an accident. The military system there reduces chance to the minimum. It undoubtedly has been dictated by powers that stop at noth ing to gain their end.

A MILLION TONS AND THEN SOME.

The contract for twenty steel ships with a Portland company is substan- and who "with the Magyar functiondoubt that age did not wither nor tial proof that a new spirit moves the custom stale his infinite variety. Shipping Board. If the Board contin-Shipping Board. If the Board contin-ues to co-operate, Oregon will increase by no means love the Prus early development of comic or light the tonnage promised for 1918 to an even million. Washington will doubt- the other democratic masses repreporaneous with the Gilbert and Sulli- less do as well and with what Calian era, beginning with the appear-tance of the immortal "Pinafore," should supply half of the 6,000,000 Coast round them." wherein he played Sir Joseph Por- tons to be produced in that year by

But that tonnage should be in ser-The Sheriff of Nottingham the work ahead on the western front. and have since fought in the Russian the American people the Sheriff of addition of second and third shifts in line by the mixture of 40 per cent Nottingham died with the passing of on steel and wood ships, and work of Hungarians with the Czechs. It is The Bostonians Company was or- experimental vessels prove a

success HOUSING WORKERS.

Rapid growth of new industrial centers attendant upon the development of new war industries and peace industries which have been stimulated by war conditions has moved the National Housing Association to address the appointment of a "housing ad-

tant problem involved. The temptation to build "shacks' for the accommodation of workmen in new districts is easily accounted for

sale executions, and it is reliably refrom the people, who will promptly energy. So far as it is able to do ported that \$0,000 persons have been end them as soon as the occasion for this, it clears itself from the charge executed by Austria during the war in does nothing but steal the order to silence criticism and demands

Nor can the affairs of Europe be from the presence of chlorophyll in settled in accord with the principle the leaves, giving them their green of "consent of the governed" unless color, and holds that no plant that is the Austro-Hungarian empire is not green is a parasite in the complete merely impaired and rearranged but actually dismembered. By comparison with Austria, Germany has hith-erto been a mild offender in bringing

other peoples under her yoke. Of the \$8,000,000 people in Germany, Andre Cheradame in "The Pan-German Plot Unmasked" says that only 6,700,000 are non-German, but of the 50,000,000 has in Austria-Hungary 28,000,000 are of been rejected for a model "made in Latin and Slav races which look with

fervent hope to the allies for deliverance from subjection to the German way of the Swiss frontier tell of and Magyar races. These are the proportions shown by Austrian official statistics, which Mr. Cheradame says are falsified in the following manner:

In the whole of Austria every Slav or Latin who merely knows a few words of German is styled, much against his will, a German. Now all the Slavs who live in Vienna (one-third of the population) know a few words of German. This allows the German statisticians of the Austrian gov-ernment to conclude that there are no Slavs in Vienna, and to set down the Slavs in all the rest of Austria is a figure considerably below the truth.

Of the 12,000,000 Germans in the dual monarchy, as shown by garbled statistics, probably a million are really Slavs, while 3,000,000 are scattered through Slav and Magyar provinces where they constitute a minority of the population, leaving only 8,000,000 as a compact body entitled to decide

the government of any part of the country. Of the rest of the popula tion, Mr. Cheradame says that 5,000, Of the rest of the popula 000 Poles would join Poland: 4,000,000 Ruthenians would join Russia; 3,000,-000 Roumanians would join Roumania and 1,000,000 Italians would join Italy. The 6,440,000 Czecho-Slo desire to restore the independent kingdom of Bohemia and the 4,200,000 Serbo-Croats wish to join the kingdon of Serbia in forming a strong Jugo Slav state. As to the more than ter million Magyars of Hungary, Mr

Mr. Cheradame says that about nin mil lions of them are "poor laborers. ynically exploited by the Magyar nobility, who possess nearly all the land'

aries whom they nominate, are Prus sophile." These "unhappy peasant These "unhappy peasants sians," but "are quite ready to fraternize with

sented by the nationalities which surpassionately do the Slavs hate

So the Hapsburg monarchy that entire regiments of Czechs mutined rather than fight against Russia, and were vice before July in order that the decimated in punishment. Other regi-American army may do its share of ments surrendered or deserted bodily, Construction should be speeded up by army, and still others are only held should begin on concrete ships if the estimated that 30,000 to 40,000 Slavs who have fi I from Austria are fight-

asked to be enrolled in distinct regiments of the American Army, and many Slav subjects of Austria who have not been naturalized in the

United States protest against being classed as alien enemies when their most fervent hope is that the United States will defeat Austria and liberate

their native country. Reasons of policy combine with those of principle to dictate that the Hapsburg monarchy be dismembered. At present Austria is in a state of vassalage to Germany, for the Prus-sian oligarchy controls its army, has forced it into an economic union and by means of war loans holds it in financial subjection. This practical annexation of Austria-Hungary is the first step in the realization of the Pan-

German scheme of empire extending

It is devoutly to be hoped the male

'sect" let the womenfolk sleep this

If you don't get what you want to-

morning, for yesterday certainly

NEWSPAPERS OBSERVE HOLIDAYS What My Mother Wrote the President. By Julie M. Lippman, of the Vigilantes.

No doubt there are numberless Gernan-born Americans who have suffered indescribably since the outbreak of the war, torn between their instinct of loyalty to the ideal "Vaterland" as they in its Prussianized form, as it exists

today. My dear mother, now dead, was one

of these. At first she roundly denounced the allies-"Perfidious Albion," "Degener-ate France"-Russia, really the friend allies Germany, treacherously led to mobize across the border.

pack of ravening curs ready to tear her limb from limb.

Often and often I waked at night to ear her crying, as she lay in her bed ext to mine. I entreated my friends and hers to

spare her. Not to talk about the war in her hearing. But I could not man-age to keep her in ignorance of what The Silverton ppeal of December 21 has 36 pages that include a Santa Claus cover in holiday colors. It is a combi ation of information of the city of the silver fall and adjacent country was going on. Day by day she reau the papers, the magazines, the letters that in those times still used to arrive

from relatives and other dear ones on the other side-Germany, England, France, Months passed and years. side-Germany, Belglum

and a great display by the merchants. It may be that Silverton enjoys special advantage of res arco-it certaini, has Then one day-to be exact, it was on

the 28th of last March-my mother came to me with a sheet of note-paper The Christmas issue of the Ashland Things is a symposium of 'rc' dis-played advertisements within an illu-minated cover-with the saving merit

came to me with a sheet of note-paper in her hand, and I read: "New York, March 28, 1917—Mr. Pres-iden: I, Marie S. Lippmann, born in Aix-la-Chapelle, Prussia, December 11, 1836 (therefore 80 years old), a natur-alized citizen of the United States since alized citizen of the United States since of a job well done on the office Editor Greer) as r: ton for selfgratulation. It would not be a proper Christmas on Coos Bay if M. C. Maloney did not come to the bat with an . tensive issue of the Marshfield Times. The number

as well as in that of my late husband, Adolph Lippman, who came to this country in 1848, and who, in this hour of perll would stand for human and natural liberties as loyally and unro-

servedly as he stood for them during the war of 1861. the war of 1561. "We implore you, Mr. President, to use the great power vested in you by the people for the preservation of American honor and American rights which are the honor and the rights of

humanity throughout the world. "Since the Prussians make present peace impossible, let us give them WAR that under God-there may be ultimate peace, before which our coun-

try may not stand disgraced. Respectfully, MARIE S. LIPPMANN, "To President Woodrow Wilson, the White House, Washington, D. C."

ber" of the Oreg n Cit Courier is just METHOD OF SUPPRESSING VICE Correspondent Indorses Detention Plan

ber' of the Oreg n Cit Courier is just that—a 'uyers' guide for the holiday season, and, judging by the stores rep-resented in its unusual si of 2, pages, Oregon City peo is had little need to Now in Effect in Portland. ST. JOHNS, Or, Dec. 24 .- (To the Edi-

come to the me' o olls for the good things for limas (which is the Courier's and 1 my people's way of misspelling a tor.)-Why do city, state and Federal governments persist in trifling with day sacred to dinity as well as jolthe vice traffic, instead of suppresslity). ing it? "Diegon, . Through the East Window" is the text of the "Holiday Number" of the Silverton Trilune. Ed-itor Browns could as well have said

I am led to ask this question from reading the "rigorous ban" to be inaugurated in Portland. There have been so many bans put on vice, with little or no practical results, that one nians Company was or-1887 with Tom Karl as ocean-going craft. There is need ing with the French. The Poles and they are camouflage, designed to influence the public mind into the beness houses seem to be making up the lief that something is really being done to suppress the evil. Perhaps in Ambi n led the "sckamas Jounty News to get out a "Christmas Edition," and that it succeeded is to the credit of

times o peace bluffing the people may be a harmless vocation, but in times like the present, sadly wasted. Portland's ban on vice is a military cessiby and to be efficacious it must Canby is not a ... r i cit" nor has it matters, and had never aspired to t clean to the source. The plan of many business howses. "nowing Canby, authorship of any kind. He would sub-

cut clean to the source. The plan of many business herses. Inowing Cut eternally arresting and releasing the it may be said the News did well. lagdalenes so long as they can furnish

did +-- originate in Good Old Scout" plies t. an --- allant Government has righteously called its young men to the defense of the Na-tion. Many of these young men have come from homes where this vice may be the union scout, now in its 37th year, which celebrates the holiday sea-son in enlarged form and lots of heat

Number of Northwest Journals Out Seasonal Garb and Size.

In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

Portland is a sea of slush. The pre-dicted Chinock arrived on schedule time and for four hours it has steadily

thawed the 26-inch snow mantle that awaited its advent.

the pseudonym of revenue cutters.

poor. While there is plenty of carefully nourished game in the forests and in the domains of the aristocrats, work-

Sleighs were numerous on the streets

careless but no serious accidents oc-

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian of December 25, 1867.

The Daily Oregonian will not be is-aued tomorrow, the proprietor, editors, printers and everybody else hoving in-vitations to attend Christmas festivi-

The Unitarian Society will hold a

social gathering this evening at their chapel, corner of Yamhill and Seventh

streets, to welcome their new pastor, Rev. T. J. Ellot. It is hoped that everyone will re-

at is noted that everyone will re-member the hall tonight, given by Pro-tection Engine Company, No. 4. in honor of the arrival of their new steam engine. Everything possible has been done to insure a gay, festive and happy

The Willamette, for the past few

days, has been rising and yesterday it came up rapidly. It is the opinion of boatmen that there is a fair prospect for a higher stage of water than we

The trial of Jeff Davis was post-poned until March, in order that the Chief Justice might preside. The Chief Justice's other engagements rendered

DOYLE PHILOSOPHY IS NOT NEW

Writer Recalls Hearing Same Theory of

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23 .- (To the Edi-

tor.)-Referring to the editorial in

or philosophy of Spiritualism, and to his

say that there is nothing new in the

doctor's discovery, if it be claimed as

such, other than his conversion. In the Winter of 1855-6 I attended a week's discussion held in Cleveland,

)., between Professor Mahan, opposing,

and Professor Rhen and Joel Tiffany, a prominent lawyer of Albany, N. Y.,

advocating and defending Spiritism. In that debate both Rhen and Tif-fany advanced practically the same

doctrine as is presented by Dr. Doyle. During that Winter I made my home

with a relative in that city who had

many acquaintances among the mem-bers of that cult, among whom was a

young man who had developed as a writing medium. This young man had but a common school education, and

cently died in Cleveland, in a fit of de-

lirium tremens. He was, however, rec-

ognized as an able man and scholar

much above the average of his pro-

Future Life Expounded in 1855-6.

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From The Oregonian of December 25, 1892

The pre-

Perhaps Liditor Brodie has authority for calling the issue of the Morning Enterprise of December 18 the "Fifty-first Annual Edition." The custom may have extended as far back and there as a few of the time now b dis-pute. Nobody will challenge the gen-eral acellence of the number at hand. > dis-

prise reflects it.

The issue of the Gresham Outlook of December 14 calls itself a "Patriotic Christmas Number" and colored inks a-plenty suztain the assertion. There is fragrance of khaki to it that makes

Editor St. Clair always tething better with his it seasonable. It was impossible to make my mother believe that Germany was not the poor under-dog hounded and set upon by a with his

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wings"-she stands on ther

of the Marshfield Times. The numbe at hand, December 15, exploits the Coo

Buy region to core ext nt, but its main claim to periority is in a shoppers' and buyers' wide to the best of the

A long-range view might place Pilot

Rock as a town in the shadow of Pen-dleton, but a glance it the "Holiday Number" of the Pilt: Rock Record will

dispel the filution. Nothing d'ing the kind. In the 28 pages within

Santa Claus cover are displayed the "talks" of buziress of every class and in large number. "Blot Rock differs from Oregon, wh: "files by her own

"The Ann al Xmas Shopping Num

Silverton Seen Through the Front Win-

dow," for it is all there, some of it in the color tones of rry and mistletoe in a pleasing combination. The busi-

ween issues."

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ness

Christmas color and pictures. The Her-

Forty-four of the three-score busi-

ald is a husky youngster "going on 16.

The Unristma_ issue of the La Grande Evening Observer was dited mostly by Evening Observer was dited mostly by the indvirtising manai r assisted by artists in typo, rapi. The results almed at were attained. La Grande is well up in the list of coast cities with were when the value of ink. New York—It looks now as if James R. Keene is the man who will take the place in the racing world made vacant by the death of August Belmont.

greater opportunity for ministering Only the man or woman to them. who has done everything possible to help humanity this year can enter the day with the good conscience which is indispensable to its enjoy ment.

We shall take out of Christmas no more than we put into it. It will be a merry Christmas or a sad one for us according to what we do, our selves.

TOO LATE WITH PROMISED BELP.

There is well merited reproach for the United States in these words of failure of many operatic productions, Lieutenant Bruno Roselli, of the Ital- seeking a place as American opera, ian army, which were published in the Sunday Oregonian.

The mission returned to Italy laden with honors and with promises with promises which, alas! were never fulfilled.

To the nonfulfillment of these promises the Lieutenant directly traced statuesque and lovely Jessie Bartiett the disaster which befell Italy, After Davis in "Robin Hood." the army had fought its way up pre- not venture a guess at the number of cipitous mountains and had scaled times it has been sung at weddings, great cliffs in the face of a nor why it has come chiefly to be as-storm of shells and bullets, it sociated with happiness and a roseate came to promised but had not supplied-coal, steel, gasoline and food. For five that, but none in tones quite so apmonths Italy waited and pleaded, and pealing-or reminiscent. American correspondents sent warn-ings that Italy could not fight on unless these pleas were heeded. They diction, with a quaint twist of humor. were not heeded by the United States Government, but the German General impregnated with an atmosphere of pseudo-melancholy. He was tall and Staff gave good heed, and the very lithe and all-pervasive, when on the prayers, the answers to which should stage. He gave every word in song have saved Italy, proved her undoing. or speech just the right emphasis. He Germany found the weak point in could, and did, create laughter with the line, weakened it still further with insidious propaganda and broke create always the illusion of genuine

and a half years of heroic warfare izations. The Sheriff of Nottingham lost in a few days and one of Italy's was quite a real person, whose richest provinces was befouled by the invader, because America was too enjoy through Barnabee.

Then, and not till then, was help given. A big loan was made and productions as a whole were ships were assigned to supply Italy singularly complete. It had no ships were assigned to supply Italy War has fordign with food, fuel and steel. now been declared against Austria, the Nation finally realizing that every its effects by legitimate and straightfriend of the enemy is our enemy, out methods. It carried with it an was calling for help, America, to in "Robin Hood" there was really litquote Lieutenant Roselli, was deeply engulfed in disputing whether bee did not succeed after The Bostor ships so urgently needed were to be built of steel or of wood, that she not belong in the environment of the did not hear the appeal of her ally." Not only that, but the Croziers were wasting time in changing the type terest and pride for some such organof rifles and machine guns and were lization as The Bostonians preparing to make field guns in as such another comedian as Barnabee. leisurely a way as though time were

of no consequence in war, and the Reeds, of their kind were holding up food and nouncement, made by an investigator fuel control.

el control. That is not the way wars are won. States Department of Agriculture, that It is the way they are lost. We can the mistletoe is now wholly a parasite, sale massacre of women, children and win only by investing men of the as we have been led to believe. It is and Hoover type with power not disputed that the mistletoe fasto decide, unhampered by those checks tens itself upon its host and draws which may have some excuse in peace nourishment from it and saps its vi-

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was in "Robin Hood" that the organization found its chief appeal to the public

It is said that the music of De Koven was too reminiscent and that it did not deserve its name or fame as an original American light opera. It may have been so; but it is quite true it is the belief of architects that vathat the audiences enjoyed its beautiful songs, its sprightly ensembles. its amusing situations, and its fetch ing humor, because they were not over the heads of the average appreclation, and because they were not

vulgar, boisterous, nor cheap. It is easy to suspect that the reason of the is that they are not reminiscent of anything anyone ever heard before and some of them no one in his right mind ever wants to hear again. W.

suppose that "O Promise Me" been sung many million times by those who heard it first from

We wil to a standstill for lack future; but so it is. Probably it is things which America had because it breathes faith, love and today. tenderness, though other songs do boom.

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did propaganda and broke create always the illusion of genuine-Thus were the fruits of two ness in his most grotesque character-

The Bostonian group flourished in the days of stars; but the prima donnas, no Im-But during those months when Italy atmosphere of Americanism, though called forth little, if any, protest. "so the of America. We suppose Barnaians had passed on because he did modern musical comedy. But surely there is a place in the American in

The Christmas season seems an es-Hardwicks, Gores and others pecially appropriate time for the an-

unarmed old men.

the steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine has not been surpassed in but which are insuperable obstacles to tality, but while it is doing this it barbarity by the Germans; the only success in war. To say that this is also constructs certain organic food- difference is that the Germans have

is general desire wherever from Hamburg to the Persian gulf. possible to get away from the barracks plan of constructing these new towns

which are springing up on every hand. Roumania, even if they were nomi-Houses made after a single pattern, however desirable, have a depressing nally restored, and Bulgaria would form the bridge connecting with Tureffect, and they are not necessary. But key, whence she would reach out haste through Asia and Africa. If Germany riety could be obtained without much were firmly in possession of those countries, which she already holds, extra cost by the adoption of standard plans and specifications, which would she would quickly develop their reoffer wide choice and could be duplisources in men and material until she cated in various cities, and which would have an empire against which would reduce the fixed costs of buildno nation could stand.

ings to the minimum. Centralization Herein lies the danger to democ of war work offers opportunity for coracy and future peace of the decepoperation on an extensive scale which tive slogan: "No annexations and no indemnities." If Germany were to would not exist in normal times. It is realized also that the esthetic element should not be neglected. The were to retain Austria-Hungary, Bulold days when all that a family regaria and Turkey in their present quired was a roof to keep out the rain the nucleus of state of vassalage, and walls to shut out the cold are Pan-Germany would have been formed. gone. It is found by experience that the Hamburg to the Persian gulf emthe workman who lives in a house in which he can feel pride is a better workman during shop hours. We are advancing, too, in our knowledge of realization of the principle of national ventilation and sanitation, and have rights, to which the United States and found that both are essential to the the allies are pledged, and for future highest efficiency. The luxuries of yespeace that the non-German races of terday have become the necessities of Austria-Hungary be set free It would not be surprising it formed into a confederation of indethe "model city" movement should rependent states, which would form an ceive impetus from the war building impassable barrier against future German aggression.

THE CASE OF AUSTRIA. Do you remember a Christmas President Wilson's view of Austria's morning when you got up in the dark position in the war, as expressed in his address to Congress, and the discusand felt for the stocking you had hung up and realized you were the sion in the Senate and House on the one boy St. Nicholas had forgotten? If you do, hunt up some little chap declaration of war on that country, today that you think has had the sent to the detention camp at Kelly reveal a lack of understanding on that same experience and make the sun Butte. subject which may thwart the purshine for him.

ping.

pose to lay firm foundations for permanent peace after the war. Atten-tion has been so centered on Germany as the chief villain in the plot, as the

outspoken champion of the divine right of might, and as the perpetrator of the worst barbarities, that Austria has come to be regarded as an unwilling tool who is to be pitied rathe

than blamed. Hence, the President's naming of Austria as a nation in asso ciation with Serbla and Poland and his statement that "we do not wish in any way to impair or to rearrange the Austro-Hungarian empire," has

The truth is that Austria was a principal in the plot which brought about the war, and is as great an offender as Germany under every count in the indictment. Austria insolently

the Nation-Woodrow Wilson. violated the Berlin treaty by annexing Bosnia and Herzegovina. By that ac and by the brutal ultimatum to Ser-Patience on a monument is out of bia she violated the rights of small date. Kick him off and substitute a nations and proclaimed that might post-office clerk.

makes right. It has been proved impartial Swiss testimony that Aus-Very late the night before Christtrian troops used explosive bullets mas is the only time a man enjoys made in the government ammunition being "broke."

factory, massacred prisoners of war and wounded, and perpetrated whole

The massacre of the passengers of Why not make it a Merry Christmas?

Watch those candles tonight.

day, grouch.

practically unknown and where it was With Austria in her power, Germany known the respect which the environcould work her will with Serbia and them from the vice. The Government has taken and placed them in camps

and cantonments and in the rush and of early_preparation for war probably has not been able to supervise their environment. The result has been what anyone who studies the matter would expect. Venereal disease has become rampant. Military authori-ties are alarmed and appeal to civil authorities to assist them in stamping out the disease. For where the civil authorities are delinquent the military

efforts are almost futile. The Portland ban aims to stamp out If Germany were to the disease, but really only prevents

give up all occupied territory, but men from making money out of the were to retain Austria-Hungary, Bultraffic. I hold that it is imperative in the National interest as well as in the humanities, that these young men should be protected from this vice. And I would suggest as a supplement to the Portland plan that all Magdalenes pire would be an established fact, and arrested for plying their profession. Germany would begin preparation for instead of being immediately released the next war. It is essential both for on bond, should be detained until such time as the medical officer of Portland certified them to be free from disease Then they could be released on bond. This would have the triple effect of isorganizing the traffic bankrupting the organizers and safeguarding our hopeful defenders. I am quite aware that this is some job, but so is the

JAMES G. CLARKSON. The foregoing communication is pub-

lished for the reminder it offers of the measures taken by Portland authorities to suppress vice. The plan suggested is exactly the one now being carried out. Immoral women arrested are not released on bond if diseased, but are

The Service Flag

We see you in ten thousand hom Throughout our land tonight.

Who are no longer there.

We tell the thrilling story Of neighbors' boys, or 1rother's son Who're fighting 'neath Old Glory!

hang

In windows, day by day Keep fresh the memor: in Of heroes far away. Here's wishing a Merry Christmas to the man with the hardest job in

Each servic: flag is honor-badge, By relatives held dear; Though hearts may ache at sight of it. Yet has 't power to cheer.

For who would wish to bear the shame Of those who'd shrink or lag' All hall the men whose homes today Display the service flag! -GRACE E. HALL.

Cost of Public Life. Washington (D. C.) Star. "A man of small ideas should not go into public life." "That's right," com-mented Senator Sorghum. "When you mention expenses now and don't want to begin figuring with anything less than a billion." The Contarlo Democrat of December 20 bears "Christmas Greetings" in in-creased size, and it might be called a Red Cross number, the current wave of end of the state will be ungrateful if they fail to give Editor Riddje due praise.

Dr. Hopkins began his experiences gratulated on good work done "be by saying that his passing to the next was painless; that he remained

Inowing Canby, authorship of any kind. He would sub-mit himself to the "influence" and then write rapidly concerning matters

with eyes closed for some time after his spirit had left the body, fearing to open them, as he fully expected to open them in hell, as he had been a That the holiday season should not unnoticed, the Baker Herald of December 19 doubled its size to accom-modate the demands of advertisers. From the viewpoint of a big brother, firm believer in the orthodox doctrine of the day. But, after thinking the there should have been very much matter over awhile, he concluded to make the plunge at once, and opened them to find that he was yet in the

Business men of St. Helens selzed the opportunity last Friday to say room where his lifeless body was sur-rounded by wife and relatives. more than usual in larger space in the He at once realized that his religious

Mist, which Editor Heilborn improved with a colored cover featuring the good old saint who today cheers the training had been wrong, and began looking about to see what his next experience was to be. In addition to hearts of young and old. the friends and relatives he saw in

The "Christmas Edition" of the Walla the room, he saw spirit forms above him reaching and beckoning to him to Walla Bulletin this year is like its presome to them. From these spirits he earned that he need not remain in the lecessors in respect to size, 48 pages It is more of an annual number, in that it contains articles of historic as well of current interest and much that low sphere in which he found himself, but that it lay within his power to progress and to rise to still higher pertains to Walla Walla's part in up-holding America in the world war. spheres as he prepared and fitted him-self to fill them. He at once deterolding America in the He at once deter-Neighboring towns are discussed to mined to take the upward course, for their advantage.

be it known that he also understood that there was no compulsion in the matter, but that he could remain Undoubtedly South Bend is the best advertised small city in Southwest Washington this year, judging by the "Christmas Number" of the Willapa if he chose to do so. "Christmas Number" of the Willapa Harbor Pilot of 28 pages in a St. Nichf he chose to do so. This progression was to be endless,

as we reckon time, and he then re-lated his experiences as he entered each new sphere, and gave the names olas cover. Much of the text is literary matter, but the advertising display tells a tale of prosperity.

of great reformers who had preceded him. Above all others was the name of Jesus. It is so long ago that I have In the eighth annual holiday edition of the Goldendale (Wash.) Sentinel. Editor Bath tersely says he lets it speak forgotten particulars and names, but I for liself. It does. In fact, it almost shouts. It points with pride to being all done at home, colored cover includ-ed, and it speaks well for equipment and muchanical ability. The literary features complement the other work. vell remember the surprise that was felt by his naming, as one of the leading reformers, Thomas Paine. This manuscript was never published so far as I remember, but the reading

of it made a very deep and lasting im pression upon my mind, and l yet

The Weiser American sends Yuletide think, as a philosophy applicable to the future life, it is much more attracgreetings in doubled size within a sea-sonal cover. This issue will attract at-tention toward the old Idaho city as a tive and in accordance with the will of an all-powerful and loving creator good place in which to do much busithan is that of the orthodox creeds D. WEBSTER.

The South Bend (Wash.) Journal Godmothering Not Approved. eschews the "patent" cover this year by printing the first page of its holi-day number in green and red, doubling PORTLAND, Dec. 24.--(To the Edi-tor.)--Kindly tell me if you know any-thing of the Godmother's League, an its size to accommodate the increase organization which, through its mem-bers, writes to soldiers at the front? If there is a Portland address, will you kindly print it? If not, will you print the New York address, which of advertising. The literary feature is of a Christmas nature.

The Mt. Scott Herald, the local paper at Lents, calls its issue of December 20 and "Anniversary and Christmas Num-ber," the same beins No. 51 of Volume 15. Business houses of that community print the was given last year? LCH

We are unable to furnish the adwho seldom use its columns to much extent figure largely in this birthday paper and Editor Fox meets them with dress. Military authorities do not approve of the godmothering plan.

Riding the Storm.

People's Home Journal. A hunted, driven creature beneath the mid-night sky. The good ship strains above the crests of billows piling high.

represented in the holiday edition of the Union Republican which Editor Scibird calls "a modest effort." A dis-interested opinion gives it a higher degree of merit. There are data in this issue that will be of value in after years, especially its honor roll of Union A ruffling sea before her and a tearing gale behind, And every maked gleaming spar a-quiver-ing in the wind.

years, especially its honor roll of Union

Her riven shrouds and halliards are trail-ing in her wake As on her glistening wind-swept deck the great green waters break,

County boys in the service. The Ontario Democrat of December 20

The young woman who stood behind Oh! bright, blue stars of loyalty, the counter yesterday and preserved On ground of red and white, equanimity with a smile deserves the best in the land by next Christ-mas, and here's hoping she has him.

Tis with a thrill akin to awa We note you everywhere, Mute, terse reminders of the boys

the most trying day for belated shop-And if we have none of our own

How would you like, today, to be Sheriff Tom Huriburt, with a handful The home-fires burn and flags that "wards"? Yet he's equal to it.