

### JOY OF GIVING SEEN AMONG THE LOWEST

Addison Bennett Relates True Christmas Story.

### NEGRO FAMILY MOST HAPPY

Wife and Mother Supports Family and Gets Home While Father Fights in France.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

In the various faces we meet upon the street just now there is the warmth of Christian love and Christian fellowship; upon the faces of the poor as well as the faces of the rich, for all, or nearly all are getting ready to give gifts at the coming yuletide. To give, remember, for those who always get the most good, the most happiness, out of the Christmas time are those who give and give and give.

Why, it is worth more to the poor soul who gives but two bits, and that more than he can afford, than it is to the petted lad or lassie of fortune who finds on Christmas morning a thousand-dollar bond in his or her stocking or a fine automobile awaiting orders at the garage, or any expensive gift.

There never was a greater mistake made than to think that the size or cost of a gift measures its value to the soul of the giver or its worth to the one who receives it. We have only to go back to the widow's mite to show that.

**Faces Radiate Happiness.**

But I began this story, if I may be excused for calling it a story, to tell about an experience in the southern part of the city a few days ago. I was plodding along to the south when I met two little colored boys and a colored girl. And upon my word, if there ever were any true-blooded members of the negro family than these were. Their skins were like the blackest of polished ebony, their teeth as white as milk, and the smiles on their faces were almost heavenly. The biggest was a boy of about 12, the girl a year or so younger and the baby boy about 10. They were certainly on their way to school, for under their arms were their books, and the little girl carried a basket evidently containing their noonday lunch.

If I could at that moment have started out and searched the city over I would not have found three neater, tidier, finer looking kiddies than these three, nor could I have found anywhere in the universe three sweeter smiles than overspread those three countenances. I was at once happily laughing with them; they were joyously laughing with me. What about? About the joy of living, the great wealth of life, good health and spirits, perhaps, but I was not so sure because we were all inhaling and exhaling of an atmosphere surcharged with the spirit of Christmas.

**Joy of Giving Expressed.**

Their clothing was not rich, not expensive, but oh how clean and neat and tidy they were, and how genteel they were. As I came up to them the eldest boy sang out, "You see what I got in my han' an' what sister got in her han' an' what Jim got in his han'." Each one of us is got a dollar, see (and each opened a hand showing in the palm a silver dollar) an' jes' as quick as school is out we-all is goin' to rush down to Washin'ton street an' put our three dollars into one o' them Salvation Army pots to help the poor on Christmas. Ain't it jolly to have money to give to 'em?"

Jolly? Well, I guess yes. I guess the greatest pleasure in the world will not get as much pleasure out of any glorious gift made at the coming yuletide as those three fine children will get out of their three silver dollars.

But that is only half of the story. Just as I passed on, I saw a colored woman, of the same ebony hue, smiling, laughing at me across a gate. "Good mawnin'," she cheerfully sang out, "ain't dem chillen jes' as happy as happy can be? An' ain't I jes' as happy as dem? Dey air my chillen and dere fadder, my b'yedde husband, is in de trenches in Paris fittin' agin de Dutch; an' I jes' die mawnin' got a letter from him dat mebbe he will be home Christmas. He was one of de very first to go over with Mister Pershing and he has fit all troo de war, an' nary a scratch has he got, praise de blessed Lawd, an' de general called him out befo' de first regiment an' pinned onto him a medal fur savin' the life of his Sargent, but I done no what that is. Anyhow, he writ, an' he says, says he, if you kin give any change Christmas, give it to the Salvation lassies, fur they air doin' meah to win the war than we is."

**New Home Awaits Husband.**

Then this dear soul went on to tell me that upon the homecoming of her husband she would show him every penny the Government had sent her since he went to France. She has not cashed one of the checks. She went to work over a year ago cleaning and scrubbing in a shipyard office and has not only supported her family, but saved money to pay \$50 down on a neat little home, and now has to pay \$5 a month until it is paid for. She has the little house all furnished, having "strun away," as she expressed it, all of her old trumpery.

"Some of de white men am jes' de bes' men in de hull world, yair, jes' de very bes'." I got all dis house an' dis lot an' dis garden an' we-all, the chillen an' me, has all our Wintah vegetables stored away an' we dun sol' truff to buy dese 30 nice hens an' dey jes' lay an' lay lak nobuddy else's hens does, an' aigs six bits a dozen. Yassir, de good Lawd has his mity good to us an' we air dat thankful an' dat happy dat it jes' seems our joy is bilin' right out of our hearts, jes' the joy of bein' so prosperous an' so happy, able to help others who is not so rich as we-all. An' praise de blessed Jesus an' de blessed Lawd dat de greatest Christmas is comin' what ever lighted up the world. For de war an' over an' my husband is comin' home. Oh, what a Christmas we-all will have."

**ALBANY KNIGHT HONORED**

Second Grand Lodge Veteran in State Awarded to Member.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special).—Laurel Lodge No. 7, of Albany, in this city, is boasting of a distinction in that the only two grand lodge veteran's jewels ever presented in the state of Oregon has gone to a member of this lodge. This jewel is presented only to a member of the order who has attended the state grand lodge sessions continuously and without a single interruption for 25 years.

The second emblem of this kind ever presented in this state was given to L. M. Carl, Mayor of Albany, in the session of the grand lodge in Portland this week.

Next year two other members of the grand lodge of Oregon will be entitled to this honor. They are William M. Calk, of Portland, ex-County Judge of Multnomah County and a prominent Portland attorney, and James W. Mason, of Pendleton, ex-County Judge of Umatilla County.

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### BLUE BOOK USED IN SCHOOL

VALUE IN CITIZENSHIP CLASSES IS RECOGNIZED.

Chief Examiner of Government Praises Publication Issued by State of Oregon.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special).—Use of the Oregon Blue Book for the purpose of instructing aliens who wish to become naturalized is recommended in a letter received by Secretary Olcott from John Speed Smith, chief naturalization examiner at Seattle, who says he is highly impressed with the advantages which the Blue Book could be put to as a textbook for use in the public schools in citizenship classes.

In writing to Secretary Olcott Mr. Speed says:

"It may interest you to know that the Government has issued a standard citizenship textbook for free distribution to candidates for citizenship in the public schools of the United States, but in the nature of things the Government textbook does not describe the different state governments. Yet it is expected that candidates for citizenship

shall have a fair working knowledge of their own state governments when they come before the courts for naturalization. You may also be interested to know that I hope to see similar publications in the other states in the Northwest where this office is assisting in Americanization work."

Responding to Mr. Speed, Secretary Olcott says the Blue Book has long been used in the public schools of this state, in connection with naturalization studies. He has asked in the official budget for an appropriation of \$6000 to publish and distribute another 20,000, and regrets he is unable to supply the further demand indicated at this time.

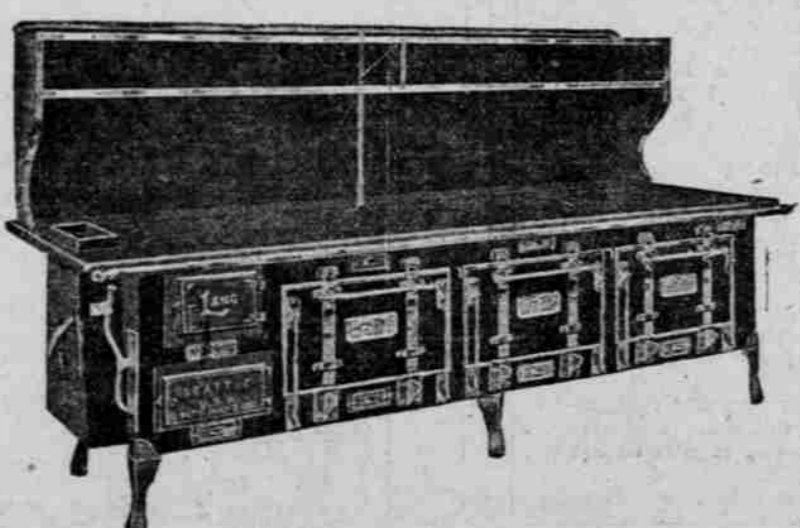
### HOOD RIVER'S GOAL 3000

Mayor Calls Upon All Local Adults to Join Red Cross.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special).—Mayor H. L. Dumble has issued a proclamation urging all local adults to observe next week as Red Cross week by enrolling as members of the humanitarian organization. Red Cross Sunday will be observed tomorrow by all ministers of the city.

With C. F. Gilbert, in charge of the Hood River Christmas Roll Call, the local drive will begin on Monday. The membership goal of the county is placed at 3000.

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# Candy vs Alcohol

A PROFESSOR at Cornell Medical College says bluntly:

"Candy is a food, while alcohol is a poison. Both accomplish the same results, but one does this without any bad effects."

Leaving that statement to the tender mercies of the "wets" and "drys," we will simply quote a few facts of interest to any mother who has a boy in the Army or Navy.

When the war broke out, the Government decided our boys must have the best of care—the best to eat and drink. Highest food authorities brought in this recommendation: "See that the men get energy-making food." Sugar gives real energy, alcohol only the deceptive feeling of energy.

The Army medical men agreed, "Give us plenty of good candy. If necessary, cut down the home supply to do it."

Pershing cabled, when ships were short, "Send candy if you have to omit oatmeal."

What have been the results?

In the Army Cantonments a liberal supply of Government selected candy has considerably lessened the craving for alcohol.

Naval squadrons have sailed forth minus liquor—its place taken by tons of energy-making candy. We have heard no complaints that the Navy lacked energy.

An Officer in the Marines says, referring to the energy value of chocolates, "I never go into a campaign without Chocolate. Men fight like the devil on Chocolate."

The above facts explain why Lowney's Chocolates have been scarce at home and so plentiful in the Service. A large part of our output has gone, under Government orders, to supply the candy-energy our fighting men have needed. And we may say in passing, that the Lowney somewhat fussy standards of purity and wholesomeness needed no change to meet the Government standards. Those who have always known Lowney's will appreciate what we mean.

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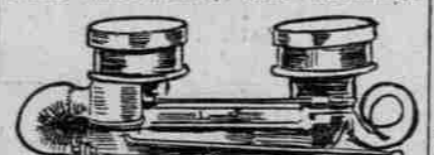
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