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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

At this moment there is no indication that Christmas will be celebrated in 1909 with less lavishness and generosity than in former years. Confidence has been restored, after the slight business depression, with capital letters. Reports from all over the country confirm earlier rumors of great commercial activity, and hold the promise of a future prosperity which will be almost unprecedented. The nation breathes in the spirit of thankfulness and contentment and hopefulness. With the revival of general satisfaction, the instinct of disinterested giving assumes new vitality. The coming Christmas will be a festival of generosity and unselfishness, participated in by an entire nation which approves of itself and its condition of felicity.

That the holiday receipts of the stores this year will exceed those of last is a foregone conclusion. The merchants have devised a concerted slackening in the economics which the citizens have felt the need of practicing for the last year or so, and are, accordingly, carrying heavier stocks than usual. There will be more to select from this year, and the average Christmas shopper, being assured of a sufficient income for some time to come, will desire to make more selections—to visit even the more remotely prospective recipients with tokens of good will. There are a few human pleasures which approach in degree the pleasure of anticipating and arranging for the happiness of others. There is no joy quite so rare as that of rummaging through lavishly stocked stores in the annual search of gifts which will be peculiarly appropriate for Christmas tide bestowed upon the friends for whom one cares.

The coming week promises to be one of manifold pleasures for almost everyone except the clerks in the shops. For them the approaching holiday means extra and especially fatiguing hours behind the counter. It is only in keeping with the spirit of the time to urge that the public spare the clerks in every possible extent the nerve racking rush at the last moment. To paraphrase a recently popular business motto, Do your shopping now.

But aside from any humane feeling towards the clerks, there are good and salient reasons why Christmas shopping should be delayed no longer than necessary. The stores which, at this time of the year, are not much more than normally busy, begin to fill up with the half frantic crowds of people towards the end of December, who have postponed their shopping expeditions too long, and who create only confusion in their mad rush to repair their negligence. Then, of course, the stocks of merchants do not remain intact long after Christmas shoppers invade the stores. For your own peace of mind, and the convenience of the merchants and clerks, be yourself among the first of the shoppers.

PANAMA AND PESSIMISTS.

Do you recall the days when the Panama canal was a physical impossibility? They really aren't so far away, says an exchange. Everything was in the way, from ocean currents to earthquakes, from the shoveling capacity of the Jamaican negroes to the effect of the climate upon white northerners. The croakers disappeared for a time, but they are back again. Until an enterprise is actually in running order it is unnatural to expect the pessimists to die.

The new obstacle to the canal is not that it can't be built. It is admitted now that it can and will be. The present trouble concerns itself with the years following the completion of the waterway. It will be found then that it can't be made to pay. So say the hopeless ones. Whether the canal will pay must,

Coos Bay's Social Side

(Continued from Page 2.) last at the home of Mrs. W. B. Curtis. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The officers elected were: Pres.—Mrs. Cowan. Vice Pres.—Mrs. Tuttle. Sec.—Mrs. McCulloch. Treas.—Mrs. Lang.

At the close of the afternoon a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess. Mrs. B. C. Bradbury will entertain the club on next Friday afternoon at her home in Ferndale.

Mascot Lodge, Degree of Honor, this week elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chief of Honor—Lillian Brainard. Lady of Honor—Jennie Rasmussen.

Chief of Ceremonies—Anna Holland. Recorder—Fannie Hazard. Financier—D. L. Rood. Receiver—Dora Cathcart. Usher—Lizzie White. Inner Watch—J. D. Johnson. Outer Watch—Cora Bowron.

The Swastika club dance Wednesday evening was one of the most pleasant dancing parties of the week. There was a large attendance, an unusual feature being that more girls than boys were in attendance. An effort will be made to prevent this next time even though it did not detract from last Wednesday night's event.

The annual ball of the Marine Department to be given at the I. O. O. F. hall Christmas night, December 25, is one of the big social events of the future. It is proposed to have it eclipse anything of the kind ever given in Marshfield.

Mrs. E. K. Jones entertained last Tuesday afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss Stella O'Connell, the day being the latter's birthday. The Jones home was prettily decorated, chrysanthemums predominating in the decoration scheme. The afternoon was spent at Bridge, Mrs. E. Mingo winning first prize and Mrs. Otto Schetter second. Refreshments were served. Among the guests were Mrs. Arthur McKeown, Mrs. Otto Schetter, Mrs. John Preuss, Mrs. E. Mingo, and Mrs. J. W. Flanagan of the Biographic club and Mrs. H. S. Tower, Mrs. Minot, Miss Mary Minot and Miss Stella O'Connell.

The first of the "Ladies Nights" at the North Bend Commercial club Wednesday evening, proved one of the most delightful social events of the season in North Bend. The attendance was not quite as large as was anticipated and the meeting of the Chamade club in Marshfield slightly interfered with the program but every one present had more than a good time. The Commercial club quarters were beautifully decorated for the occasion, huckleberry and cedar predominating. The effectiveness of the decorations was greatly admired by everyone present. The program consisted of numbers by Mandenburg's orchestra, a recitation by Miss Pearl Hockett, a vocal

be considered not entirely as regards dollars and cents. The saving of distance to the world's commerce, the ease with which American warships can be transferred from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific and back again, the shutting of a large amount of the traffic which has been going through the Suez short-cut, the position America will command among the powers, surely these are things that will pay. The single item that the canal is expected to encourage the building of American merchant vessels is a tremendous one and one which will pay.

As for the income from the canal there is no reason to believe that it will not be large. The Suez canal draws an immense profit and the dividends are large. It may be said to have paid from the start. With the completion of the Darien channel the route around the Horn will cease to be used by almost all the lines now sending their vessels that way. It is a dangerous way, a tedious one and, even for sailing vessels with slow cargoes, probably more costly than would be the towing charges and the tolls through the Panama. As the way will be shorter for European warships bound for their eastern stations the canal will be constantly in use by them. It is hard to see, at this distance, why the Panama water-course should not pay and should not, in the course of time, give a full return of the investment.

After the canal is found to be all that was prophesied for it, what will the throwers of wet blankets say then?

selection by Miss Mable Clare Mills and a short address by Captain A. M. Simpson. Refreshments were served. The committees in charge were as follows: Decorations—Mesdames Burmister, Winsor and Simpson and Miss Anne Flanagan. Reception—Mesdames Simpson, Winsor, Rennie and James. Refreshments—Mesdames Falkenstein, Byler, Burmister and James.

It is planned to make the "Ladies Nights" a regular feature during the winter months at least, the North Bend Commercial Club turning over its club rooms to the auxiliary for the first and third Wednesday nights of each month.

The Evergreen Whist Club was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. J. W. Butler at her home last Saturday afternoon and this afternoon is being entertained by Mrs. G. A. Bennett. Last Saturday, Mrs. A. T. Haines carried off the first honors, having the highest score ever made in the club. Mrs. R. M. Noble received the consolation prize.

A wedding of unusual interest to Marshfield people will take place in Portland today, the bride being Miss Edna Brainard and the groom Fay Dempsey. Miss Brainard spent most of her life on Coos Bay and was for some time identified with the Pioneer Hardware company as book-keeper. Mr. Dempsey is slightly known here through visits at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Lyman Noble. The many friends of the young couple here unite with The Times in wishing them a long and happy future.

MILLIONS FOR BARRELS. The farmer with his potatoes and his apples, the miller with his flour and meal, the hardware man with his nails, the cement manufacturer, and the army of other users of the faithful slack barrel, that combination of staves, hops and heading, which is not intended to hold water or something stronger in lined form, used forest products last year having the enormous value of \$15,800,253. The average man would little suspect that the humble barrel plays so important a part in the expense accounts of the American farmer and manufacturer, yet figures compiled by the Census in co-operation with the United States Forest Service develop this startling truth. Moreover, statistics taken directly from reports from 950 copage mills in all parts of the United States show an increase of \$1,569,688, or 11 per cent, in the value of last year's product over that of the previous year.

In distinct contrast to tight copage stock, which in the main requires oak timber or its raw material, slack copage stock, particularly staves and heading, utilized in greater or less degree, most of the commercially important trees in the country, and for this reason its manufacture was far more widely distributed than is the case with that of tight copage stock. Twenty-one species of wood contributed to the total slack stave production last year. Nearly two-thirds of the output, however, was manufactured from the four species, red gum, pine, elm, and beech, in the order named.

The figures disclose an interesting movement in the industry in the substitution of less expensive woods for those which for many years were drawn upon most heavily for slack stave material, but which, owing to growing scarcity and advancing cost, are rapidly being displaced. In 1906 elm staves were manufactured in larger quantities than those from any other wood, and constituted nearly one-fourth of the total production for that year, with pine and red gum occupying second and third places, respectively. Last year gum jumped to first place, pine to second, while elm, with a falling off of 36 per cent in production, dropped to third place. Beech, maple, spruce, chestnut, and ash followed in the order named.

While slack stave and heading production was reported last year from practically all the states engaged in the manufacture of lumber, a considerable percentage of the stock, in fact, being turned out as a by-product of lumber, the industry was to an extent localized, the five states of Pennsylvania, Missouri, Michigan, Arkansas, and Virginia, in the order named, contributing 56.8 per cent of the total production. The distribution of the industry of hoop manufacture is much more limited than that of staves and heading, and it due primarily to the fact that this commodity is made chiefly from elm timber. Ohio led in the quantity of hoops manufactured, closely followed by Indiana, the output of these two states forming 67.3 per cent of the total production.

Invitation to the Ladies

I wish to extend to the ladies a special invitation to visit my store to inspect my Holiday line of Togs



Do not wait but get first choice

Now is the time you get the selection

I have made special preparations for the Holiday trade, so do not fail to see what I have in stock.

SUGGESTIONS

- CLUETT SHIRTS, KEYSER CRAVATS, INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, FULL DRESS MUFFLERS, FULL DRESS GLOVES, FULL DRESS TIES, BATH ROBES, SMOKING JACKETS, PAJAMAS, AND NUMEROUS OTHERS.



Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE.

So you are twenty-one! And you stand up clear eyed to look the world in the face—a man. Did you ever think, son, how much it cost to make a man of you? It cost a lot of money, but that isn't all. You have cost father a lot of hard knocks and short dinners and gray streaks in his hair. And your mother—boy, you will never know. You have cost her anxious days and nights, and wrinkles in the dear face. Sure, it has been expensive to grow you. But—

If you are what we think you are, you are worth all you cost us, and more. Be sure of this: Father doesn't say much but "Hello, son!" but deep down in his tough, stanch heart he thinks you are the finest ever. And the little mother simply cannot keep her love and pride for you out of her eyes. Sonny, if you were to do anything low or mean it would just about kill your mother.

You are a man now. Some time you must step in your father's shoes. Don't call him "old man." He doesn't like to know you call him that; but, just the same, he is not as young as he used to be. You see, he has been working pretty hard for twenty-one years to help you up. And your mother begins already to lean on you.

Doesn't that sober you—twenty-one? Your father has done fairly well in the world, but he expects you to do better. And so do you expect you will do better. He has given you a better chance than he had. You begin at most where he leaves off. All the same, young man, if you do even as well as your sire and keep your soul clean you will have done pretty well. Don't flinch, boy.

The world will try you out. It will strain every fiber that is in you. But you are made of good stuff. Hold to your mother's teachings and shame the devil. Once the load of life is fairly strapped on your young shoulders you will carry the burden and sorely feel it if only there is a cheerful mind. All hail YOU, on the threshold! It is high time you were beginning to pay the freight. And there are your back debts to father and mother. You will pay them, won't you, boy? Not in money. No. You can't pay those debts in money.

How shall you pay those sacred debts? There is just one way—by being always and everywhere a man!

"He belongs to one of our fine old families." "Oh, does he? Then that accounts for it." "For what?" "His being always busted."

Even Lower. "Johnson doesn't appear to be the brightest person in the world." "He hasn't got horse sense." "Bad as that?" "Worse. He couldn't learn to run an automobile."

The Caucus Youth. What's so trying as a day in June? Then for certain come reckless days. When Bob tries his voice that is out of tune And the silence all about him says.

Undoubtedly. "Money isn't everything." "No, but nearly everything that counts is money."

Women Themselves Defeating Suffrage Movement.

By Mrs. HUMPHRY WARD, English Author and Suffragette.

It is now often said even by many of those in England who have no real sympathy with the suffrage movement, who believe, indeed, that its results if successful would be disastrous, that its success is none the less "inevitable." People are apt to think that when in a democratic country a claim of this kind has been asserted sufficiently long and with sufficient vehemence mere clamor and insistence wear down opposition and the claim must ultimately be granted.

THE SUCCESS OF THE MOVEMENT, HOWEVER, IS NOT "INEVITABLE" AT ALL, in spite of the increased parliamentary vote or the skillful organization of a Hyde park meeting. Let me quote the example of America: After sixty years' agitation—for the movement generally is dated in America from the meeting held in New York in July, 1848—THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEMAND IS NOW IN PROCESS OF DEFEAT AND EXTINCTION, AND THAT NOT AT THE HANDS OF MEN, BUT AT THE HANDS OF WOMEN THEMSELVES.

SINCE 1896, INDEED, IN FIVE STATES THE SUFFRAGE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED AT THE POLLS, AND IN 1903 THE LEGISLATURES OF THIRTEEN STATES REJECTED WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILLS OF ONE TYPE OR ANOTHER. SCHOOL SUFFRAGE HAS BEEN SECURED FOR WOMEN IN TWENTY-FIVE STATES, BUT THE STRIKING THING IS THAT THE SUFFRAGE AGITATION AND THE "UNWISE PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON LEGISLATURES AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS" HAVE HINDERED THE NATURAL PROGRESS OF WOMEN IN THIS FIELD OF WORK SO WELL SUITED TO THEM.

We in England, however, are safe, thanks to the concession of the local government vote to women and to the act of last year enabling them to sit on local government bodies, from any similar reaction, AND THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT AMERICAN WOMEN, NOW THAT THE ANTISUFFRAGE MOVEMENT HAS PRACTICALLY ATTAINED ITS END, WILL SOON FIND MEANS AND CHANNELS BY WHICH THEIR LEGITIMATE PUBLIC INFLUENCE IN MATTERS OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL REFORM SHALL BE MORE FULLY BROUGHT TO BEAR.

THE IMPORTANT THING FOR US TO NOTICE IS THAT THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN CHECKED AND WILL BE ULTIMATELY DEFEATED BY WOMEN THEMSELVES.

Man's Nature Makes It Necessary to Be Ready For War.

By Premier ASQUITH of Great Britain.

As long as man's nature continues what it is it will be necessary for prudent statesmen to provide for war. National security must always have first place in the thoughts and plans of the government of any country.

BUT, ADMITTING THAT ALL, THE PLAIN FACT REMAINS THAT THERE IS NO ENTERPRISE MORE WORTHY OF THE EFFORTS OF GOOD MEN THAN TO DEVISE PRACTICABLE MEANS NOT ONLY FOR MINIMIZING THE RISKS OF INTERNATIONAL QUARRELS, BUT FOR PROVIDING A RATIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BY WARFARE.

Among the various means of progress in this direction the first is the growth of international agreements.

I use the word agreements because alliances sometimes have the contrary effect. The second is the SUBSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FOR THE BARBAROUS METHODS OF SLAUGHTER. The translation of these principles into practice is beset with difficulty, though not, in my opinion, insurmountable difficulty.

Of course there is a delicate sphere of international relations. The main thing is that the nations should get to know and understand one another.