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COOS BAY'S CHRISTMAS.

THE CHRISTMAS spirit always absorbs the undesirable and disquieting things and blends them with the happier elements of its prestige and influence, to the abounding comfort of men and communities. It will be so with Coos Bay in a few days; we shall forget, in the warmth and cordiality of the season, the turmoil and trouble of politics and of the year; we will all obey the characteristic impulse of Christmas-tide and turn to the children, abandoning for the moment the harder contact of men and the doings of men. The home and the home people and their happiness will appeal more strongly than any other claim upon the heart and purse of the home man; and the man without home and family, will hark back to the fireside and friends of his own day and give joy and generous heed to the Christmas call there; or he will permit himself to be numbered among the Christmas guests in some other man's home where his standing welcome will be accentuated, and his part in the general scheme of pleasure noted and fixed.

It is well for mankind that this period of happiness intervenes to lift us out of the rut and awake the better memories and impulses and duties; it cleanses the soul of the accumulations of bitterness, weariness, contention, disappointment, defeat, all the nagging circumstances of daily life, and drudgery of business; it opens up new lines of thought and frees the play of better emotions; gives opportunity for realizations that remain ignored in the stress of ordinary pursuits; and, above all, brings forward the "little man" and "little woman," the best and dearest of human responsibilities, and forces us to the sweeter tasks and tenderer signs of love which we hurry by, or gloss over, for the first 11 months of the year.

Christmas is, primarily, the children's own season; they are of the very essence of the Christmas idea and of every instinct and lesson it bears; the Christmases of a man's or woman's life, have much to do with the days and doings which make for character, and success, and it were well if every young life were charged with the brightness and beauty of the Christmas essence to buoy and guide it in afterdays, and help, by suggestion and memory, in perfecting that life, and in rounding-out the fulness and firmness and charm of character so earnestly desired for the "coming citizens." Coos Bay will not fail to rise to the best that the glorious anniversary demands of her and make the season unforgettable for these first in the hearts of us all.

ALASKA'S GOLD YIELD FALLS OFF

LACK OF water for sluicing and the presence of too many miners at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, to the neglect of their properties, are advanced in explanation of a decline of nearly \$6,000,000 in the receipts of Alaska gold this year at the United States assay office in Seattle.

Exhaustion of the richer dig-

gings is a more probable cause. Placer mining, at best, is a short-lived industry and the results in Alaska can not differ from the history of gold production in California and Australia. For a few years the yield increases amazingly. Then the period of heavy production is followed by one of sharp decline.

The ultimate wealth of Alaska will not rest upon its placer deposits, but upon quartz mining and the extraction of its enormous deposits of copper and coal, along with the development of its fisheries, the manufacture of its timber and agricultural settlement and cultivation.

Where placer mining is not immediately followed by development of other resources, a country soon lapses into its original state of wild desolation. In California and in some parts of Alaska the development of permanent industries has been carried alongside of placer mining, but in Northern Idaho, Southern British Columbia and Eastern Washington, where placer mining was active nearly 50 years ago, long periods of inactivity and almost total abandonment of the country separated the placer mining era and the later period of permanent development. After the rich placer mines of northern Idaho had been exhausted the then frontier town of Lewiston fell from a population of several thousands to a few hundreds, and numerous gold camps around Orefino and Pierce City were almost entirely abandoned.

In some measure the history of the rich placer camps of northern Idaho will be repeated in Alaska. As the pay gravel is exhausted the miners and a host of camp followers will drift away to other fields and their cabin towns will be left to the elements and the wild creatures of the forest.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES
And think how humiliating it would have been to this country if the world had really come to an end under a republican administration.

That ardent suffragette, Mrs. Belmont, predicts that a woman will be president within twenty-five years. Then it will not be Carrie Nation, at all events.

A Michigan farmer at the age of 58 has thirty-two children. Mr. Roosevelt would undoubtedly take great interest in the case but for the fact that the man added twelve of the children to his collection by simply marrying a widow who had that number on her hands.

NEWS OF COQUILLE.

Events at Coos County Seat As Told By The Herald.

L. N. Gregory arrived here the last of the week from Albany, Oregon, where he has lived since leaving here last spring. He will be here a few days before returning.

C. B. Zeek of Bandon, came up Thursday, bringing with him an old comrade, Alfred Taft, who was placed in the county hospital, not being able to care for himself further on account of failing health.

Mrs. W. W. Gage and daughter, Mrs. R. R. Powder, returned by the Field on Sunday, having been at Turlock, Cal., for several months for the benefit of Mrs. Powder's health, which is much improved.

Born—At Lampa, Ore., December 6, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sweet, a daughter.

Chas. Rogers, who has been engineer on the Dispatch for the past few months, is taking a lay-off on account of a badly bruised hand which he had injured by a large stick of slabwood. It will probably be several days before he returns to his work.

Alfred Johnson, the lumberman, returned Saturday from a business trip to San Francisco and visit at Oakland, Cal. He tells us that the lumber outlook is unchanged. Also that Mrs. Johnson is getting along nicely, and that his daughter, Mrs. Dave Albert, has recovered sufficiently from a seriously sprained ankle to dispense with her crutches. Mr. Albert who had paid this place a short visit, returned home a short time before Mr. Johnson started for Coquille.

President Taft is a versatile man, but he frankly admits that he can't milk a cow. That is an accomplishment many a man has purposely avoided.

Have you lost anything?
Read the Times Want Ads.



Money Less Than Face Value AT YOUR BOSOM FRIEND'S TOG SHOP

Beginning Saturday at 1 o'clock, I will sell One Hundred Dollars worth of \$1.00 U. S. Bills at 90c Each

Each person limited to one bill. None sold to children. Seeing is believing, SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.

DO YOU REALIZE?

That you only have (LUCKY) 13 days left to do your Xmas shopping. I know you have to make some Gifts, so look the following over and see if they are not the real thing:

COWBOY STETSON HATS . . . \$6.00
HEID CAPS 75c TO \$1.50
KEISER CRAVATS 50c TO \$1.50
FULL DRESS MUFFLERS \$1.50 TO \$2.50
FULL DRESS GLOVES \$1.75
INITIAL LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS . . . 75c BOX
DENT GLOVES \$2.50
SILK SUSPENDERS 75c TO \$1.50
PHOENIX MUFFLERS 75c
NEGLIGEE SHIRTS . . . \$1.00 TO \$3.00
EVERWEAR HOSE FOR MEN AND WOMEN, 6 PAIRS GUARANTEED 6 MONTHS, \$1.50 AND \$3 PER BOX, OR 25 AND 50c PER PAIR.
SUIT CASES \$2.00 TO \$20.00

Geo. Goodrum
THE GENTS' FURNISHER
MARSHFIELD, ORE.

Don't forget to see window display.
HOW ABOUT A DOLLAR BILL FOR 90c.

KINGSBURY HATS, ALL STYLES, \$3.00
COAT SWEATERS, all colors, \$2.50 to \$5 (The Swellst Ever.)
FULL DRESS TIES 50c
FULL DRESS HANDKERCHIEFS, \$1.00
INITIAL SILK HANDKERCHIEFS \$1.00
W. B. GLOVES \$1.75
SILK HOSE \$2.00
SILK SHIRTS \$2.00 TO \$5.00
GOLF SHIRTS \$1.00 TO \$3.00
SILK AND WOOL UNDERWEAR \$5.00 SUIT
PACKARD SHOES . . . \$4.00 TO \$5.00
SILK UMBRELLAS . . . \$3.00 TO \$6.00

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

It is not always those who stand on high places who are the happiest. They must constantly struggle to keep on their pedestal.

—Selected.

THAT SOUND.

There is a sound throughout the land
Which is getting louder with every day,
A sound which is fraught with glad refrain,
Which tells of oppressive want at bay;
It tells of coming contented homes,
Of work and winning in golden store,
Of pleasure and comfort for high and low—
'Tis prosperity knocking at our door.

It rings in the echo of hammers' clang,
It sings in the whistle of rushing steam,
It hums in the factory's buzz and whirr,
It shines in the glow of the furnace gleam,
It is plain in the tap of the clinking keys,
It tunes the sound of the city's roar,
Ever it rises above aught else,
'Tis prosperity knocking at our door.
Open not let for moment's space
The angel of Opportunity wait;
Bring all effort and cheer to greet
The welcome stranger within the gate;
Answer that sound with a song of joy,
Cry aloud to the sounding din,
Leap to the call of that fateful knock—
Open and let prosperity in!

After a man has an automobile he wonders why he ever thought he had great troubles before.

The girl who works hardest in decorating the church can usually be depended on to be a poor worker at home.

A large comet that has not made its appearance since the days of Christ will be visible in the heavens this winter. Those who saw it before say it is well worth watching for.

The credulity of woman is something wonderful to behold. Both Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Peary believe the stories told by their husbands to explain their recent absence from the family fireside.

Often a man who is gentlemanly enough to laugh heartily at a story he has heard a dozen times, will go home and get grouchy when his wife gently reminds him of some chore she has asked him to do.

STORY OF THE DAY.

He Could Prove It.

A few days ago, a man was leaning up against the counter in the Chandler hotel and holding onto the desk for dear life to maintain his balance.

"I s'pose you think I'm drunk?" said the stranger, looking belligerently at Clerk Irby.

"No; not in the least," replied the clerk, anxious to avoid the possibility of a row.

"Well, you'd know I was if I let go this desk," answered the man.

How rarely your favorite barber is idle!

The eternal feminine question: "How much is it a yard?"

Many a man who has the touring car taste has the bicycle income.

Nothing good can come from brooding over what cannot be helped.

There's always a cry of pain in the world. Do all you can to bring healing.

You may easily pick out a man with a chip on his shoulder. Avoid him.

There is a kind of a man who, when he has a job, is always going home sick.

No man can tell his side of the story fairly to the man on the other side of the controversy.

Too many children respect their parents in about the same way they respect money.

Is the average reformer really trying to help the people, or is he looking for the best of it?

Look in the family album. The more worthless the kin the more photographs there are of them.

A mother is satisfied if her daughter gets a good steady man for a husband, but she demands a princess for her son.

A snarer said to a preacher today: "This weather is worse than hell—1." "For your sake," replied the preacher, "I hope so."

When a woman who has had trouble with one man tells it to another she is pretty apt to accumulate a lot of new ones.

In one hundred years, according to Annie Besant, everybody will be able to read the future. In that case there ought to be a decided falling off in the number of fool election bets.

A remark that will be frequently made in 30 years from now: "Father made money, but he died poor. You know he was persuaded to in-

vest in an automobile, and that took all the fortune that would have been left to us children."

Emancipated.

Oh, angels ever
Bright and fair!
This one-piece gown
The women wear
May be shaped like a
A gunny sack,
But it don't button
Up the back!

CHEERING THOUGHT

FOR THE DAY

Remember that railways are not the creation of a single day; that time must be reckoned in gauging our expectations as to the building of the Coos Bay road. A railroad is a railroad, no matter what its motive power may be when it is completed.

The Early Birds.

The Chinese have done mighty feats. A wondrous past display. They held successful auto meets in Aristotle's day. Some scientific Mongol's brain Beyond the Hoang-Ho Had figured out the aeroplane A thousand years ago.

They built the massive Chinese wall Before the siege of Troy; Their major league played snappy ball

When Plato was a boy. They early had a leading role In matters here below.

I understand they found the Pole A thousand years ago.

GOW WHY.

BOOST NEW RAILWAY.

Our people may as well omit the "if" hereafter when speaking of the building of a railroad between Roseburg and Coos Bay. The survey is already completed to within less than 20 miles of this city and two parties of engineers are busy extending the location of the line at each end of the route. These people mean business as they are going ahead steadily with their work, paying their own expenses and are asking for nothing except rights of way and terminals grounds. Every resident of the two counties should give them every possible encouragement and cooperation. This road is going to be built, but local encouragement will bring it all the quicker. Our people may as well begin to base their affairs on the fact that we will have a railroad to the coast in two years, or possibly less. It is expected that this movement will be so far advanced by early next spring that the Southern Pacific Company will be forced to resume work on the Drain road. That is already expected, but that will not interrupt the building of the Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho road. In fact we shall be glad to see them both completed as soon as possible.—Roseburg Review.

OREGON TURKEY CROP.

Douglas County Shipped \$10,000 Worth.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 10. — Not less than 40,000 turkeys were shipped from Douglas county for Thank-

ROOM AT TOP, BUT ELEVATOR IS IDLE

Dr. Jordan Says Young Men Must Work Hard to Succeed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—"Strenuous, complex and democratic, the twentieth century is demanding and, as it grows older, will demand more of its young men than any century that has passed."

This was the keynote of an address delivered before the Chicago Sunday Evening Club in Orchestra hall by David Starr Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford University.

"It was a young man of the twentieth century who gave us the expression, 'the strenuous life,'" he said, "and by its very nature the life we must lead is strenuous, of course. There is so much to be done in this century, and nine years of it already are gone.

"Look at the wonderful inventions that have already come in this century. There are more things to do in Michigan avenue now than there were in the last century. But there are more things we must know. Ignorance is not safe any longer; we must know what we are about. Things happen quicker now. "One thing we demand, and that is training. If Abraham Lincoln were alive now he would not be studying his Blackstone and reading his Shakespeare by the light of a log fire; he would be in the nearest State university, working his way through it. This century wants men with character."

The address was sprinkled with epigrams. A few of them follow: "You can't vote a straight ticket until you have scratched off the crooked names."

"The public is getting tired of smooth men; it wants men of character."

"Wisdom is in knowing what to do now."

There never was a time when there were so many calls for young men as now," Dr. Jordan said. "There is always room at the top, but the elevator isn't running."

Speaking of the virtues in the business world, Professor Jordan said: "There is not a single virtue that does not bring money to a man's business. And there is not a single vice that is not charged up against him in wages and salary. The call of the twentieth century is for the sober mind. Trustworthiness is one of the greatest of virtues."

giving dinner, largely in San Francisco. For the birds at least \$100,000 was paid to the farmers who raised them. These figures must be considered with the important fact that many of the turkey raisers throughout the country are holding their product for the Christmas trade. Ordinarily the late shipments bring from a cent to a cent and a half more per pound than the Thanksgiving shipments.

Those citizens of Douglas county who have engaged in the raising of turkeys during the past year have fared exceptionally well, the price paid by buyers this fall showing a substantial increase over prices paid in former years. No birds were purchased in the county for less than 21 cents, while in many instances the birds brought the raiser 23 cents.