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ADDED COMFORTS.

LONG with the progress of art and industry and the wonderful achievements of science it is worth while now and then to observe the advance which is being made in purely material lines, such, for instance, as the refining of our agricultural products, the development of household comforts, and the thousand little things which are being daily contrived to make life more worth the living.

A LARGE GAIN IN THE WORLD.

PROVERBIALY, time is money. On this safe ground it can be said that the United States, at a cost of \$200,000,000 to itself, is about to make an important financial gift to the nations interested in traffic, which practically includes all.

WORK ON RAILROAD.

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THE TIMES' WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

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Saltiest Salt on Earth! IN FACT The Salt of the Earth Le lie's Velvet Grain Salt Flows Free. Ask Your Grocer About It.

Here is one that some Coos Bay people should ponder over: "To brag little, to show well; to crow gently if in luck,—to pay up, to own up, and to shut up, if beaten, are the virtues of a sporting man."—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

FOR THE "CITY BEAUTIFUL."

What a golden opportunity these long winter evenings afford for planning how to beautify and improve one's premises in the spring and summer, and for the public spirited citizens to plan in like manner to make their town a "City Beautiful" in the coming year.

COMMERCIAL ART.

The latest fad in the shopping district of Chicago is wrapping paper to match the gowns of purchasers. A Frenchman originated the idea. It seems that his esthetic sense received a jar at the sight of a customer emerging from a store with an armful of wrapping paper that did not harmonize with her general color scheme.

WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR PLACE.

You will be happy in it—contented, joyous, cheerful, energetic. The days will be all too short for you. Dinner time and closing time will come before you realize it.

RAILROAD CASE IS UP.

Washington Statute Governing Lines Is Argued. (From Associated Press to Coos Bay Times) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The fight for better railroad facilities for Eastern Washington which has been waged for the last six years was renewed today in oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

Miss Marie Waller, who has been visiting Miss Eugenia Schilling in Gardiner, left yesterday by private stage over the Drain road for Portland. Miss Waller was the guest of Mrs. F. M. Parsons in Marshfield for a few weeks prior to her visit at Gardiner.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING. CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS. It has been said that a seal-skin coat usually makes a devout Christmas churchgoer. It's a foolish girl who gives her beau the mitten before Christmas. Few do. Better a paid pork chop than a fat turkey on tick. Don't forget to kiss your wife just once under the mistletoe.

JUST FER ME AN' PA.

I wish there wuz a sort of home From wich a kid could pick his ma I'd know just what to get, you bet— The peachiest ma you ever saw, Just fer me an' Pa. I'd never pick a s'ciety swell To burn or do bridge stunts all day, Who'd wear great heaps of hair and rings An' make all kinds uv bills to pay Just fer me an' Pa.

CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS COMMENT.

Don't leave it all to Santa Claus. Don't keep your Christmas spirit bottled. Girls are bound to drift under the influence of the mistletoe. The little Christmas green isn't a seaweed, but it sees lots of smacks. This is the time of year when husbands and wives may properly hide much from one another. Blessed is the person who doesn't keep track of the number of presents she receives.

As we understand it, every member of the city council has already made his New Year resolution to run for re-election.

A man is supposed to be at his best at 40—a woman at 20. But these are not the words of Dan Cupid, who is always blind when the first wrinkles and gray hairs appear.

"Most any man can be an editor. All an editor has to do is sit at his desk six days in the week, four weeks of the month and twelve months in the year and "edit" such stuff as this: "Mrs. Jones, of Lost Creek, let a can opener slip and cut herself in the pantry." "A mischievous lad of Matherton threw a stone and struck a companion in the alley last Tuesday." "John Doe climbed on the roof of his house 'last week looking for a leak and fell, striking himself on the back porch." "While Harold Green was exorcising Miss Violet Wise home from a church social last Saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green in the public square." "Isiah Trimmer of Lebanon, was playing with a cat Friday when it scratched him on the veranda." "Mr. White, while harnessing a broncho last Saturday, was kicked just south of the corn crib."

SANTA CLAUS AS OTHER TONGUES PRONOUNCE IT.

Germany—St. Nicholas, Kriss Kringle. Holland—Sinter Klass, Sint Nicolaas, Sinter Klaas. Switzerland—Samklaus, Heiligand—Sonneer Klaus, Voralberg—Zemunklaus. Alsace—Lothraime—Knecht Ruprecht. France—Le bon papa, le bon de Noel, petit Noel. Austria—Niklo or Niglo. Russia—Eika (fir tree). Italy—Baldino. Poland—Gyvakza (little star). Scandinavia—Krisluva. Bohemia—Jerleek. Denmark—Jul-nissen. Ireland—Niamh Neckhouse.

The Christmas Dance. When grandma danced the minuet Some sixty years ago The stately couples often met Beneath the mistletoe. To waltzes now the customs veer, But Ma's fony beau That dancel doth contrive to steer Beneath the mistletoe. The dances change, but not the game, As close observers know, For morals act about the same Beneath the mistletoe. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

Local Overflow

W. J. CONRAD went to Coquille today. CAPTAIN ALEX HALL is attending court in Coquille today. ED. FLANAGAN went to Coquille this morning.

CHAS LAX returned today from a visit to West Fork of Coos River.

R. O. GRAVES is in Coquille today to assist in trying the Garrison case.

L. A. LILJEQVIST and wife spent Sunday in Marshfield visiting friends. They returned to Coquille on the morning train.

PETER MIRRASOUL of the National Bottling Works, is on a business trip to Coquille Valley points today.

GEO. HAINES, who has been attending school in San Francisco arrived on the Redondo to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Haines.

MRS. ED. NOAH went to Myrtle Point this morning to arrange the future home for the family in that city. Mr. Noah will have charge of Walter Condon's livery there.

J. H. SOMERS, who was formerly located here but who is now engaged in the real estate business at Oakland and San Francisco, arrived here yesterday to look after matters here.

MRS. T. S. MINOT and Miss Mary Hague arrived here on the Redondo yesterday to visit at the homes of their brother, F. E. Hague, and sister, Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, and other relatives and friends on the Bay.

C. W. MONTGOMERY, local manager of the Standard Oil company, returned yesterday from San Francisco where he has been attending a convention of the managers of the California district of the company.

Returns Here.—Frank Wilson, formerly porter at The Chandler hotel and who left here a couple of years ago for Portland to give evidence against an alleged gang of counterfeiters, has returned to the Bay. He may remain here.

INDIANAPOLIS MAYOR CUTS COST OF LIVING

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—Mayor Samuel Lewis Shanks personally conducted sales of potatoes and turkeys at cut prices, have resulted in the formation of an association to reinforce the mayor's "war on the middle-man." A cooperative association was formed to put two thousand shares of stock on the market at five dollars per share. The organizers plan to open a depot where the consumer can meet the producers thereby eliminating the jobbers' profit.

LEADER OF SECT IS SENT TO PRISON

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Maine, Dec. 18.—Ten years in the federal prison at Atlanta was the sentence imposed on Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the "Holly Ghost and U. S. Society" for causing the death of six persons on the yacht Coronet by taking them on long voyage and running short of provisions.

SANTA'S CAR DESTROYED.

Countless Tin Soldiers and Wooden Animals Perish in Flames. HAVRE, Mont., Dec. 18.—Whole companies of soldiers were wiped out and countless animals, wild and domestic, perished when a mail car on the Great Northern Railroad took fire between Havre and Great Falls. All the casualties were due to the progressiveness of Santa Claus in abandoning the old reliable reindeer team for the swifter lightning express.

The fact that the soldiers were of tin and the animals of wood will soften only partially the grief of the settlers' children to whom the Christmas packages were mailed by Eastern friends. The car was loaded with second and fourth-class matter and carried no postal clerk. Its interior was a mass of flames when the fire first was discovered. The engineer threw the throttle wide in the direction of the nearest water tank and the burning car was flooded.

The Mistletoe.

Here in her father's library On Christmas eve I wait sedately Till Mistress Nancy comes to me. That damed most serene and stately. And dapping from the chandelier A berries spray (don't since I knew to Seem's to proclaim: "She hung me here. I dare you—dare you—do it, do it.") Well, Christmas comes but once a year. Less often with a chance I fancy. So ere you cross the room I fear That something may surprise you Nancy. —Theodosia Garrison in New England Magazine.

RIVAL LINES LEGAL SCRAP

Southern Pacific Begins Suit to Get Pacific Great Western's Land.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 18.—Indicating that the Southern Pacific company is determined to fight for right-of-way for its Coos Bay line, suit to condemn property at the west portal of the proposed tunnel in the coast mountains, belonging to the Pacific Great Western railway company and Maurice Moore, was instituted, the papers having been filed this afternoon.

The land sought by the Southern Pacific company, or the Willamette Pacific, whose name appears in the suit as plaintiff, is in section 12, township 18, south of range 7 west, and immediately adjoining the western end of the tunnel. The Southern Pacific company not only seeks to condemn the Pacific Great Western company's 100-foot right-of-way at that point, but seeks to obtain possession of a strip of land on each side of the right-of-way from Maurice Moore, from whom the P. G. W. obtained its right-of-way.

The surveys of the two rival companies conflict at that point, and at the west portal of each of the tunnels projected by the two companies, is located at the same place, there promises to be a sharp fight for the possession of the land.

I. H. Bingham of the Pacific Great Western, in discussing the suit, said: "I cannot see how they are going to secure any of our land there inasmuch as we have a force of men at work on the property and have let the contract for the construction of our road, thus showing good faith. You may be assured that we will protect our rights and the S. P. company will not be able to get one foot of the land to which we have a deed, unless I am badly mistaken."

Other Railway News.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Lane County Asset company has been called for Wednesday, December 20, to pass upon the action of the officers and directors of the said company in selling its equity in the land at the Powell or Christner pass to the Southern Pacific company. Fuller & Company are at work establishing a camp on the high ground near Elmira to facilitate clearing the right-of-way. They will also grade in high places if the weather proves favorable. The work at the mouth of the tunnel is progressing rapidly and it is announced that the men will be under ground early next week. The Elmira Lumber company, which is to saw the lumber for the tunnel, has begun the erection of a construction camp near the tunnel, and will immediately erect a temporary mill for the disposal of the timber.

ROSEBURG IS ANXIOUS.

Fears It May Not Be on Line to Coos Bay.

The Roseburg Review says: "Eugene boasts of construction work being in progress there on two new railroads and the contracts let for others. Roseburg has allowed the latest railroad survey in this county to pass us by and reach the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad at Sutherlin, which place has evidently offered greater inducements therefor. Railroads, like other things worth having, are usually worth the efforts needed to get them. Those handling this line, known as the Coos Bay & Eastern Electric, evidently mean business, as they are going right ahead with their work, without any "brass band" attachments, but are said to be making an accurate working survey. Of course, we shall be glad to have a railway line from this county to the coast, even if it does not come direct to Roseburg, but we cannot afford to sit idly by and see our opportunities slip away, only to bawl our less when it is too late. Nor should we long our hopes on vague rumors which have no more real substance than a rainbow. The Coos Bay & Eastern Electric people are actively in the field. No one else is at the present time. It is certainly worth the effort to try to get them to bring their line to Roseburg. Securing this will help to get other lines. Spokane, which is now a city of over 100,000 inhabitants, was no larger than Roseburg is at present 25 years ago. They didn't stop at one or two railroads, and now have about half a dozen transcontinental lines besides several electric and local lines. Yet the natural resources surrounding Spokane are no greater than those surrounding Roseburg. It is time to get busy."

PLANS ANTI-TRUST FIGHT.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Stop the government buying its supplies from the trusts that have been prosecuted by the Department of Justice and the American people will believe in the sincerity of the government fight against transgressions of the Sherman anti-trust law is what Louis D. Brandeis of Boston told the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today. He favored the creation of a commission with broad powers of investigation of corporations including the right to hear appeals and to publish the information gained, and denounced the over-capitalization of corporations.

NAVAL MILITIA GIVEN REBUKE

Sec. Olcott Scores Strife in Organization—Simpson Civ- en Commission

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 18.—After governor Olcott has signed the commission of Edgar M. Simpson, as captain of the naval militia, the militia, he received, in an ironical coincidence, a bill for \$12,500 worth of dress coats which the company had ordered.

This together with investigations which showed him that of the appropriation of \$25,000 by the legislature for the support and maintenance of the naval militia, \$12,500 had already been expended, led to the declaration that the cruiser had better be returned to the government unless the order of things is changed. "Unless this disension can be eliminated," declared Olcott, "every member of the naval militia work earnestly and harmoniously for the one great object of the organization, and for that alone, organization is worse than useless, the appropriation for its maintenance is misapplied and wasted and the naval militia should be disbanded.

"People of Oregon are not supporting a naval militia for the purpose of private preferment or official honor, but for possible defense of the state and nation. Unless the theory of organization is followed out in strictness and in honesty the organization should be disbanded, and for one man heartily in favor of that action, thus saving to the taxpayers of this state the unexpended portion of the appropriation, in amount about \$13,000."

OLD TROUBLE REVIVED.

Oregon Naval Militia Echoes Former Difficulties.

The Portland Journal prints the following: "An echo of the old troubles in the Oregon naval militia which resulted in the removal from office of George S. Shepherd, captain, and Commander McNulty, was heard in the recent election of a captain to succeed Captain Reynolds, resigned, and which resulted in the election of Lieutenant Commander Edgar M. Simpson of North Bend. When the ballots were opened by Colonel Jackson, inspector general of N. G., it was found that two commissioned officers and 31 enlisted men had voted for former Captain George E. Shepherd. The ballots of the enlisted men were thrown out for the reason that under a ruling of the adjutant general, only commissioned officers are permitted to vote in the election of the commanding officer of the naval militia.

It is apparent from recent developments that the disension in the naval militia over the removal of Shepherd and McNulty has not subsided, nor is there any prospect of members of the organization, if none being declared at any early date. Captain Edgar M. Simpson, the new commanding officer of the naval militia, has been with the organization since its inception. Adjutant General Finzer heartily approves his selection and predicts that his influence with the officers and men will be a potent factor in wiping out the internal strife that has beset the organization since the unfortunate scene at the Armory last April.

MOORE JURY DISAGRES.

Unable to Agree on Verdict In Mail Fraud Case.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—The jury disagreed and was discharged in the case of Arthur H. and Charles A. Moore, officers of the Alaska Investment and Development Co., charged with using the mails to defraud.

One Week to Christmas



Last Call! Christmas Stock Going! Going! Gone! Buy Your Presents TODAY!