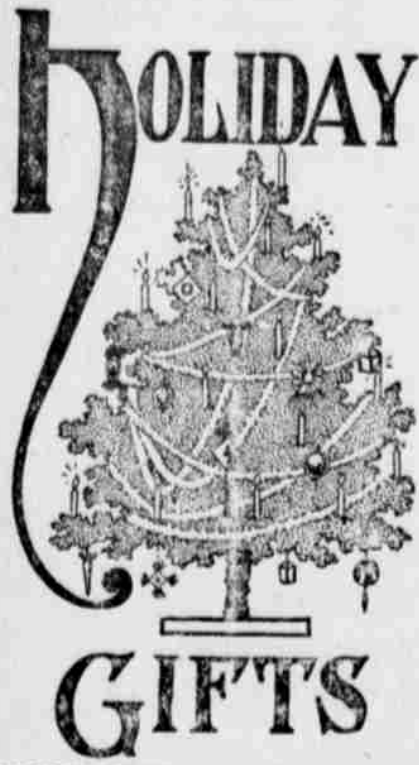


MERRY CHRISTMAS



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The kind that your friends uses the year around is the kind that sell every day.
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COME HERE, WE HAVE ALL THE POPULAR BRANDS. THE KIND HE SMOKES EVERY DAY.
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The Salt of the Earth
Le Lie's Velvet Grain Salt
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EFFICIENT REPORTING.

HENRY WATTERSON remarked in the course of a speech before the Boston Press club recently that there is as much difference between good and bad reporting as between good and bad cooking. "A skillful chef can take a few scraps and fabricate a dish to delight a gourmet," he declares, "so the deft reporter can put this and that together and piece a story to stir the town. In both cases, however, there must be the basis of fact. The essential ingredients must be there. It is given to no man to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear; to no cook to render a saute out of sawdust and bootheels; to no reporter to turn a scound out of a lie."

This and even more is true of the really efficient reporter. It is the background, not only of skill, but of appreciation of the values of life and the interests of humanity that makes a successful writer of any sort, and the newspaper reporter is no exception.

The comment of Mr. Watterson is interesting not only in its application to reporting, but in its suggestion of a general truth which affects almost any vocation which a person may choose. It is not the bare fact or the incident or the opportunity, but the particular and individual response to the time and the place and the occasion that makes one man a success and another a failure.

And beyond a certain point, this individual response is a thing that cannot be taught or preached or given recipes for. A financier may lay down certain general rules for acquiring a fortune, but it is the application of these rules to specific instances which has made him wealthy and which must be accountable for the success of those he may advise. An artist or teacher of literature may bring general systems of thought and practice before the students in his classes, but it takes individual capacity to respond to the stimulus of teaching or suggestion.

efficiency in a reporter or a statesman and marks the difference between an unresourceful workman and one who initiates his own methods and improves upon the material given him. It is the power which will always lead the world in industry and art and intelligent progress.

COST AND VALUE OF INVESTIGATION.

THERE is criticism here and there concerning the prevalence of investigations. Perhaps it would be more nearly correct to say that a number of people profess to deplore the investigating habit, and one of the points of critical attack which they consider strong is the cost, reckoned by those same people as a waste of money.

Most frequently there is reference to the cost and expense of the Lorimer and Shepherson investigations, and on these a case is made against all the trust investigations and the others. It is a mistake to measure the cost of these cases, and especially with respect to the two senatorial investigations. True it is, that the result of those investigations, so far as they have developed, has not been all that the people desire—all that they believe to be requisite as meeting the demands of justice and clean politics. But we have had a number of other investigations of similar character.

We believe that if the beneficiaries of political corruption were to be stripped of their honors and emoluments, fraudulently obtained, the effect of the whole investigation procedure would be far more wholesome than it is, or promises to be, from the tolerance and leniency of a present senate. But whatever the senate may do in the recommendation is made up, and in that department has gained.

These investigations concerning corruption in elections to high offices, and those seeking an insight into trust methods and practices, have had an educational value which is difficult to compute. It is safe to say, however, that it is worth far more to the country than the money it has cost.—Portland Telegram.

VALUATION OF OREGON.

Property in State Assessed at Over **\$900,000,000.**
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—The total assessed valuation of Oregon will probably be \$900,000,000, as compared with \$884,000,000 of last year. The total assessed valuation for the state as shown by the rolls of the county assessors was \$747,624,404. Last year the total as assessed by the county assessors was \$747,624,404, or an increase of \$35,415,513 for this year.

A TRIBUTE TO FATHER.

When I was sick the other night, and had the earache like the dickens, **Pa** was so kind that I forgot to think about his awful lickin's; He took me in the rockin' chair and kind of looked down at me sadly. And said if he could have the pain, instead of me, he'd take it gladly.

He told me stories while he rocked, and gave me a new half-dollar. And never scolded me at all because sometimes I had to holler; Once when he went out in the dark to get a drink for me he stumbled. And skinned his nose and nearly broke his collarbone, but never grumbled.

He stayed up all night long with me, and tried his best to stop the achin'; I've often thought my pa was cross and cruel, but I was mistaken; He rocked me in the rockin' chair, and told me of the joy I brought him, And called me brave and stroked my hair, and I am awful glad I've got him.

WORK AND WIND.

All people respect the worker, for industry always knocks; and none respects the shirker who stands on the street and talks. Here's truth unadorned (and let her in every man's ear be dinned!): A half a day's work is better than five hundred years of wind! I've looked on the loafers keeping their tryst, where they stood and smiled; and most of the bunch are sleeping today in the Potter's Field; oh, idleness was their fetter—they wore it, and weakly retained, not heeding that work is better than all that there is of wind. The street, where the loafers tread it, is fraught with a thousand tales of famine and lack of credit, and work-houses, cells and jails. The tale of the shiftless debtor, the tale of the thief who sinned; and the bread that you eat is better than anything got by wind. There's only one thing—endeavor—that counts in this world of men; the day that is spent will never come back to your life again. The siren of sloth—forget her! Let all of her wiles be thinned! An hour of real work is better than ages of futile wind!

WALT MASON.

In the Marshfield stores just now the sweet buy and buy is sung to the music of the cash registers.

NEW COMMANDMENTS FOR HUSBAND'S BENEFIT

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 19—A series of "Ten Commandments for Wives," prepared by Rev. Albert Hyde, pastor of the Porter Congregational church, is being circulated in printed form here. They are as follows:
"Thou shalt not marry for revenge, or even to escape being an old maid. After the marriage thou shalt not put on an old wrapper, or wear slippers run down at the heels."
"Thou shalt not be a slave of fashions."
"Thou shalt not be a gossip."
"Thou shalt not be out of sorts when thy neighbor in a limousine smiles on thee in a trolley car."
"Thou shalt not break down the no-license law by serving punch at thy parties."
"Thou shalt not forget the needs of the children in the public conveyance."
"Thou shalt not 'let loose' on thy husband on wash day or even in house-cleaning time."
"Thou shalt not smell home as 'matinee,' or 'club,' or 'moving pictures.'"
"Thou shalt not forget where thy Bible is and be unable to find it when thy minister comes."

More had a Thomas cat; It warbled like Caruso. A neighbor sawing a baseball bat— Now Thomas doesn't do so. —Milwaukee Sentinel.

POLITICAL FUSS.

Bill Jonesby snorts around and brics and fuses over politics. If **Glinkenbeard** to congress goes, there'll be an egg to all our woes. When we our senators elect by voting for the same direct, all troubles in this world will cease, and life will be as smooth as grease. When this man's theories are in force, and that man's pipe dreams we endorse, then joy and comfort will abide throughout the whole blamed countryside. And thus **Bill Jonesby** wastes his time, and never puts away a dime, and when he's sick or out of work perhaps he'll sit up, with a jerk; and when he'd let the statesmen go while he was railing down some doubt. For congress will not pay the bills for the statesmen's beef and pills; and senators will not come down to credit in your town; and theories with lofty views won't bring your children pants or shoes. Your statesmen in your hands get down to work to beat the band, and save a wage against the day of stress or age, and let the statesman chew the rag and rant about Our Country's Flag.

WALT MASON.

CUPID OVERLOOKS OLCOTT.

Executive Is First Bachelor Governor State Ever Had.
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—Those eligible maids who have been perusing the columns of matrimonial journals have been overlooking their one best bet, for here in Oregon Acting Governor **Olcott** is the first bachelor governor of which the state has ever been able to boast. Although it was rumored that the Acting Governor would become a benedict in the Fall, the Fall is passed and he still remains unmarried. "There seems to be one essential qualification in which I am lacking," said the Acting Governor when the delicate question was broached to him. "I am financially broke." Olcott is 38 years old.

DELAY BURIAL 23 MONTHS.

Sons and Wife of Dead Man In Long Litigation.
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—Chauncey L. Wing, formerly a prominent politician of Rapid City, S.D., died at a local hospital January 16, 1910. It was not until recently that the body started by train for his home town for burial. During 23 months the two sons of the dead man, Benjamin M. and Buol R. Wood, contested in the courts with their stepmother as to where the burial should take place. The second wife insisted the body should be buried in Seattle; the sons insisted it should be taken to the old home. The sons came to Seattle directly after their father's death. The widow obtained a restraining order. Now after long litigation, decision has been given for the sons.

OPPOSITION IS RUMORED.

Naming of Port Orford Commissioners May Be Fought.
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—W. H. H. reddy, representing the newly created Port of Port Orford, was in Salem interceding with Acting Governor Olcott in reference to the appointment of commissioners for the port. He said that there is a rumor that an attempt will be made to join the governor from appointing the commissioners. The governor has up to and including December 21 to make the appointments and as Governor West expected home December 28, it is probable that the Acting Governor will not interfere and will await the return of West.



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