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THE USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT.

EVEN in toys for children, the idea of serviceability in Christmas gifts is gaining ground. A newspaper observer of the shops finds that educational and durable types of toys prevail this year.

The notion is a good one. It is altogether too easy to waste money in buying gifts for children. Toys that go to pieces within a week after being bestowed on the receivers are little else than a waste of money. The delight they enkindle hardly lasts long enough to justify the expenditure. The toys should be strong enough and have enough capabilities of increasing enjoyment from them to serve a long while.

The principle does not stop with toys. It is susceptible of indefinite extension and application. It applies to gifts to grownups and reaches over the whole field of Christmas giving.

It doesn't follow that one should give only what is useful or educational. The principle should be applied with judgment and with reference to the situation and tastes of those to whom one gives. A bushel of potatoes or a sack of flour might be a more acceptable gift to a poor woman supporting herself and her family, but be "wholly out of place" for a well-to-do man. A cigar case might be appreciated by him, but would be stones for bread to the widow.

As a rule, however, within such obvious limitations the practice of giving gifts that will permanently serve some need of the recipient or cater to his intellectual or social tastes is a satisfactory one to observe. The good dresser, for example, who finds a handsome smoking jacket in his stocking on Christmas, or the lover of pedestrianism who receives a pair of staunch but supple walking boots has no quarrel against them because they are "useful" presents. He accepts them with thankfulness and again and again blesses the thoughtfulness of the donor.

HOME AND SCHOOL.

THE gap between the school and the home is a disadvantage to both institutions. Teachers and pupils work in a vacuum, so to speak, and suffer from the want of participation of interest of parents in their work. Fathers and mothers too often are out of touch with the educators of their children and can not enter altogether intelligently into the schooling of the pupils. Such visits as those of mothers of college girls to the feminine students in the state college at the invitation of Dean Rhoda White are a wise thing and should be encouraged and extended.

HARD TIMES.

Yes, these are hard times. We throw away ashes and soap. We raise dogs and buy hogs. We grow weeds and buy vegetables. We catch fish from a four dollar rod. We build school houses and send our children away from home to be educated. And last but not least, we send our boys out with a forty dollar gun and a twenty dollar dog to hunt ten cent game. Yes, these are hard times, but whose fault is it? Don't place all the blame on the president and the trusts, says an exchange.

WORKERS AND WAILERS.

IT SEEMS as though the men of brawn of the country are rapidly being divided into the classes of workers and wailers, those who are steadily going about their legitimate duties and making study and satisfactory wages, and those who are content with nothing less than setting up a continual wail about grievances, expressed in highly colored and exaggerated forms and by the use of descriptive phraseology that is as foreign to actual facts as language can be.

Dr. Wm. Sadler, author of "The Cause and Cure of Colds," says that common colds should be taken seriously, especially when they "hang on." Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a reliable household medicine for coughs and colds equally effective for children and grown persons. Take it when you feel a cold coming on. It will avert danger of serious results and cure quickly. No harmful drugs. For sale by Lockhart-Parsons Drug Co., the Busy Corner.

If you have anything to sell, rent or trade, or want help, try a Want Ad.

ASPIRATIONS

—BY—
BOB STANLEY.

I would not like to be a president, for he gets blamed for every thing that comes along. If by some chance he busts the enterprising trusts, the monied people say that he is wrong. If on the other hand, he does not take a stand against the corporations and such stuff, the working people say, "Old man you've had your day." In tones of anger, bold, and strong, and gruff. If he attempts to go along a trifle slow, the papers hurt his feelings with their talk, but when he's moving fast, they turn and at him cast the stones that bring him quickly to a walk. When he was just a man, he did not have a ban placed on his every movement through the day. He used to have the right to go out after night, or go to see the Cubs and Giants play.

O no, not such for me. I'd rather just be free, and keep away from presidential job. I'd rather place my feet neath table that is neat, and calmly gnaw my corn off of the cob. Dear friends, I would not choose to wear our Wilrow's shoes when he gets in the presidential chair. Just give me hook and line when fish are biting fine, and let me sit and sniff the summer air. Or give me a cayuse that's never had abuse and let me have a canter on the plains, or, give me anything that has an out-door ring, but do not haul me presidential reins.

WITH TOAST AND TEA

Of course you can run up a bill with the barber but he will always take off something for cash.

An ocean voyage makes a fine outing, especially for the inner man.

It is quite possible to grind a man down without making him sharp.

Luck won't carry you very far unless you mix a little brains with it.

The labor agitator, as well as the pugilist, should have a striking personality.

Many a man who is always looking for a snap lack ginger.

At some period in his life every man expects to make a fortune raising poultry.

The girl who is so homely that she doesn't care, can afford to whistle on the street.

Tariff legislation cannot affect the wages of sin.

To the victim belongs the privilege of paying the freight.

Brown October for the poets; blue December for the defeated candidates.

"Jim," said an honest coal dealer, to one of his men, "Jim, make that ton of coal 200 pounds short. It's for a poor, delicate widow, and she will have to carry all of it up two flights of stairs. I don't want to overtax her strength."

If one gave voice only to one's thoughts one wouldn't talk so much.

The honeymoon is on the wane when hubby quits taking wife everywhere he goes.

Only a poor love letter can be spoiled by weak spelling.

"There are more lemons than plums in the political orchard."

HERE'S A POINTER.

Hugh McLain, the Coos county Democratic leader, comes from Kansas, and will appreciate the following story:

A Kansas politician was asked by his wife to lay aside politics long enough one day to dig potatoes in the garden. He consented and after digging for a time he returned to the house and said he had found a coin. Washing off the grime he found it to be a quarter. He put it in his jeans and went back to work. Presently he went to the house again and remarked that he had found more money, which when scraped clean proved to be a half dollar. He put it in his jeans. "I have worked pretty hard," said he to his wife; "I guess I'll take a short nap." When he "awoke" he found she had dug all the rest of the potatoes; but she had found no coins. It finally dawned upon her that she had been "worked."

QUESTION FOR THE DAY.

Can one get splinters in his stomach from eating a club sandwich?

NEW DEFINITIONS POLITICALLY DEFINED

A California Contributor
Progressive—A man who has got started and can't stop.
Stand-patter—A man who has stopped and can't get started.
Times' Want Ads bring results.

WIRE IS DOWN AGAIN TODAY

WESTERN UNION OUT OF COMMISSION BETWEEN ROSEBURG AND COOS BAY—NO NEWS OF AND COOS BAY.

The Western Union has been out of commission between Roseburg and Coos Bay all day and only one or two messages have been got through.

Manager Schetter says the trouble was caused by the telegraph line and phone line getting crossed between Dora and Sitkum. He hoped to have the trouble fixed up soon.

In consequence The Times was unable to secure its Associated Press report today.

Big Hit at Orpheum.

The Webb Sisters are making a big hit at the Orpheum this week, the audiences last night encoring them repeatedly. They have a fine repertoire of songs, singing new numbers each evening and Manager Keller thinks they are one of the best attractions he has been able to offer. Tomorrow night besides the singing of the Webb Sisters, he will present the big two-reel feature, "Rameses, the King of Egypt."

AT THE HOTELS.

HOTEL COOS

Jes. Basker, Fairview; J. N. Bayless and wife, Portland; Mrs. Jennie Conlogue, Bandon; F. A. Atkinson, Portland; G. B. Baker, Portland; C. W. Ellis and wife, Portland; E. C. Peachey, Portland; N. Osmundson, Coquille; Pat Landy, Coquille; Miss Osmundson, Coquille; O. J. Suley, Coquille; C. A. Crabtree, Coquille; Miss Grace Allen, Portland; J. M. Bayless and wife, Portland; Clay Roberts and wife, City; D. H. Johnson, Coquille; Edith Johnson, North Bend; Chas. Dillabay, Camp 1 and Miss Norton, Seattle.

BLANCO HOTEL

Oliver Whitney, Salem; John T. Stears, Mapleton; J. L. Fritch, Forest Grove; W. M. Johnson, Portland; Jesse W. Cole, Roseburg; Otto Johnson, North Bend.

LLOYD HOTEL

H. Edwards, Allegany; B. Curtis, Portland; G. Allen Portland; C. E. Edwards, Allegany; J. L. Fritch, Forest Grove; J. C. Eggleston, City; Gus Johnson, Portland and C. M. Geuzoff, Arago.

THE CHANDLER

F. H. Humphrey, Portland; J. M. White, Portland; Henry Black, Portland; Geo. Portland; F. M. Reeves, Portland; Geo. R. Stephenson, Portland; W. C. Richards, Portland; H. M. Jones, Portland; Edward F. Clarke, Eugene; C. R. Walrod, Portland; G. W. Elkins, San Francisco; J. W. Fleet, Seattle; J. A. Keen, San Francisco; Ira B. Riddle, Roseburg; G. O. Stratton, San Francisco; Violet Means, City; Lee Craven, City; Capt. Tyler, Gardiner; Dan Bruin, Gardiner; J. M. White, Portland; W. C. Richards, Portland; Walter Bacon, Portland; L. F. Hart, San Francisco; H. E. Beltman, San Francisco, Chas. Miller, Portland and J. A. Oliver, Portland.

eunuch for a chance. The day then swats the arrow in the stars and sends it spinning around, his heart meanwhile standing still in anticipation. KA-BING! The arrow stops and the petty larcenist unbuttons the case and hands the expectant lad an affixed "prize," usually consisting of a telegram from Hawley about the harbor or a corn from the foot of Mt. Hood or a gnat's whisker or a lock of hair from the head of Coos River or some other equally valuable and interesting thing. Then the boys go hunting for more nickels and dimes to invest in the same old way.

And we, their parents, license and encourage this sort of skin game for the purpose of swindling our own children.

The worst sort of gaming in the world is where the player gets nothing in any event. A reasonably square game of faro is infinitely more favorable to the player, yet if we caught one of our boys bucking such a game we would fall dead on the spot and enter the tomorrow without benefit of clergy.

GEO. WATKINS.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest. Each letter must be signed by the writer, and so far as possible be limited to 200 words. In publishing these letters it must be understood that The Times does not indorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

WARNING TO DRIVERS.

Editor Coos Bay Times:
I beg you will publish the following:
For the benefit of freighters, transfer and deliverymen and owners of these teams and outfits this notice is given you: The condition of the road at the corner of Seventh and Ingersoll avenue, in the narrow passage south of the cemetery, is dangerous to travel after nightfall. Nearly every night finds a team or load mired at this point. Tonight one missed the road and accidentally drove over the writer's well. Fortunately the top was well planned and spiked, otherwise the team would have been precipitated into the well, as it was a portion of the top was torn off by the wagon and left open for the night.

I trust this notice will answer for a warning to drivers and owners of teams and likewise call for a remedy of some kind from the city council.

The traffic of this narrow passage has quickly developed until it is equivalent more or less to the Detroit River.

C. H. McLAUGHLIN.

GEO. WATKINS' VIEWS.

To the Editor of the Times:
And there is that other highly intellectual game of Ring-around-a-Rosey.

This layout consists of a glass case with numbers. Under each of these numbers is an alleged prize, otherwise sucker bait.

On this glass is an alleged arrow poised on an axis.

Your boy or my boy or our neighbor's boy has a dime or a nickel.

Perhaps he has acquired that nickel or dime by selling newspapers, bottles or sacks. The boy donates his coin to the presiding

The Golden Rule

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

For practical Christmas presents, ones that be useful as well as attractive and cause the recipient not only to appreciate the good will of the giver but the care shown in its selection, The Golden Rule Store is always in the lead. Here are a few suggestions for Christmas shoppers:

- Ladies' Neckwear, 25c to 75c.
- Auto Scarfs, 50c to \$2.50.
- Jewel Boxes, 35c to \$2.50.
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- Scarfs and Center Pieces, 25c to \$3.50.
- Hemstitched Table Linen Sets.
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- Men's Ties in Boxes, 25c, 50c and 60c.
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IN PHOTOPLAY

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Zoology of the Pond and other Entertaining events.
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Big Double Act for Thursday. Animal Circus Coming.

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