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Let Opportunity Do All of the Knocking for Coos Bay Hereafter

AT A RECENT banquet in San Francisco town one of the speakers delivered this quatrain:
"Oh, you whom poets choose to call
'Serene, indifferent of fate,'
Let opportunity do all
The knocking at the gate."
Let us take that for our text.
"Let opportunity do all the knocking."
Opportunity is the lady described by the late Senator Ingalls as a fugitive who makes but one tap at the door as she passes. Opportunity is reputed to have the habit of knocking but once at every man's door. But Bacon says: "A man must make his opportunity as oft as he finds it."

What has been said of opportunity in her capricious relations to man does not apply to her relations with Coos Bay. From the click of dawn to the crack of doom, opportunity will be playing a saloon on the doors of Coos Bay.

How often has she rapped in the past? She found the virgin wilderness and rapped three against the mighty firs. The doors of the wilderness opened and a band of brave and sturdy pioneers entered, bringing the torch of civilization to the dark-skinned people who fished and hunted and gathered the fruits of the forest in this paradise of the Pacific. These first pioneers, many of them, came because opportunity knocked with a pick against the rocks of the foothills and gold was found. The gold is still there, but while not found in such generous quantities as in other lands, who knows what the future may hold?

Then opportunity knocked again, and coal was discovered. This great treasure that furnishes the furnaces of the industries of the world with energy, is here in abundance. Sufficient to furnish force, to turn the wheels of the factories of half a continent; heat and energy for a multitude.

Nor was this all. Opportunity knocked again. Valleys that were ever green awaited the arrival of the ranchers to make it a pastoral land, with easy wealth from its herds and orchards.

Resourceful opportunity was not yet through on Coos Bay. Leaving the auriferous foothills and the mines of coal from the dark depths of which come fuel sufficient for a thousand ships and factories, and the valleys where herds cropped the spring grasses, she went into the forest depths and brought forth lumber for the homes of men.

Then came C. A. Smith as opportunity's representative with the golden key of development to unlock the rich resources of a section overflowing with natural wealth of thousands of years.

Yet persistent opportunity had another task to perform for Coos Bay. To do this she went far afield, to the Isthmus of Panama, and by her knocking forced a way through a mountain and linked Atlantic and Pacific, so that the commerce of the eastern half of the continent and of Europe could flow swiftly and cheaply to this port and its products find easily accessible markets.

"Let opportunity do the knocking."
It has done much. Perhaps the indefatigable ingenuity of opportunity will find other means of benefitting Coos Bay, adding to the great gifts it has placed at the people's disposal.

Perhaps it is time for the people of Coos Bay to weld themselves into a unified, purposeful body, with a common aim of benefitting themselves by boosting their matchless resources and great section and leaving all the knocking, past, present and future, to opportunity, who surely knows her job.

A TIMELY RESOLUTION.

THE discouraging thing about New Year's resolutions is the fact that they are likely to fade away with the ringing of the bells and the sentiment which the passing of the old year occasions. They are inclined to be superficially moral and unhumanely self-embracing. So they are ambitious and promising, but of short duration. But there are certain resolutions which are always in order. They may be renewed just as well on the Fourth of July or Thanksgiving or the first of January, and one of this sort is the resolution to write home often, if one is fortunate enough to have a home and has reached the place where one must choose between it and the interests of the world. "By giving an aged mother space in your paper, asking him to return to my present address before it is too late, you will oblige a poor blind mother." This sentence from a letter to the editor of a household weekly concerns a son who left home four years ago and has not been heard of since. His case may be an exception in its extreme neglect, but illustrates the same sort of carelessness which too many other sons and daughters as well might plead guilty to. "Before it is too late," is a pathetic appeal coming from the heart of a forsaken mother.

So even if there is not the ex-

treme need in many homes which this message implies, there may be just the same sort of longing. Behind proud reserve, or pitiful subterfuges, many fond parents excuse the carelessness of their children. Neighbors and friends inquire after the successful or promising son, the happy, energetic daughter, and sometimes father and mother are likely to admit that the children are too busy to write home very often. They are likely to be proudly important over the fact, but the heartache is there just the same. It's a good thing to remember this and write to or visit the home folks before "it is too late." And one doesn't have to wait until New Year's eve to make the resolution, or to renew it after it has been long broken. It is one of the good resolutions which is always in season.

LEAVE OFF THE "S".

THE GOVERNMENT calls it the "parcel post", and not the "parcels post". It is well in mind. It costs nothing to have it correct.

During a painful dental operation, J. P. Morgan's heart was touched by a hard luck story to such an extent that he sent a \$10,000 check to a widow with thirteen children. One is almost tempted to wish him many happy returns of the toothache!

NOT "PARCELS" BUT "PARCEL" POST, RIGHT

Before you have formed any bad habits in the matter, fix it in your mind that "Parcel" not "Parcels" Post is right. Already in the general discussion of the new institution in the United States mail service, it has become quite the habit to miscall the system "Parcels Post." It is as remarked before: Parcel Post P-A-R-C-E-L (and that's the end) Post.
And you need not bother to look it up. It is not in the dictionary and besides the reporter looked it up on the postmaster's pamphlet from Uncle Sam direct.

OLD FRAUD IS WORKED HARD

Many Pay \$25 and \$100 for Futile Claim on Railroad Land Grant.

EUGENE, Jan. 9.—The swindling game that unscrupulous timber land locators have been working upon an unsuspecting public for several years past, filching money from the people for "locating" them upon tracts of land within the Oregon and California railroad grant in western Oregon, with the promise that as soon as the suit against the railway company for forfeiting these lands to the government is decided they may file regularly upon these lands as homesteads, is flourishing right now more flagrantly than ever, but strong efforts are being made to put a stop to it.

The Lane County Abstract Company of this city is foremost among those endeavoring to stop this game, in which these land "locators" are growing rich from the fees paid them by innocent people. This company took up the matter last October and has succeeded in bringing the attention of the post-office officials to it, with fair prospects of prosecutions for using the mails with intent to defraud.

Eugene people will remember that four or five years ago when the agitation was begun against the railway company whereby efforts were started to endeavor to compel the company to forfeit the land to the government, there was a scramble on the part of many to make application to purchase the lands from the company, but it has long since been seen that these people have had no chance at all to secure the land and the honest timber cruisers and brokers gave up the proposition at once. But there are others who are still working among the people in the middle west and in California, compelling them to pay an application fee of from \$25 to \$100 each and promising them that as soon as the suit is settled they will get the land. These applications have been pouring into the county clerk's office here during the past few months and they seem to be constantly increasing.

SOME COLD WEATHER.

Southern California and Arizona Records Broken.
POMONA, Cal., Jan. 9.—When the mercury dropped to 19 before midnight Monday, owners of 2000 acres of orange groves in this section gave up hope of saving their crops. They said their loss would amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

B. B. Shepard, manager of the San Bernardino County Fruit Exchange, issued a statement that the cold last night had damaged the citrus fruit crops of the county to the extent of \$3,000,000.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 9.—Monday night was the coldest in the history of Phoenix. The government observatory recorded a temperature of 17. Thermometers in the streets read as low as eight degrees above zero. The previous low record was 22.

Cold at Roseburg.
Monday morning was Roseburg's coldest morning in three years, the thermometer dropping to a minimum of 17 degrees above zero between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock.

Coldest in Oregon.
Halway, Oregon, went more than halfway Monday in the weather column and registered probably the coldest point in the state, with 24 degrees below zero.

If you find the water wagon a bit crowded, just be patient. It will be different next week.

WANTED TO KNOW.

A party came into the Times office the other day and asked why the Times want ads always almost invariably found lost articles—said he had tried it on more than one occasion and the little want ad always did the work.
It's very simple when you understand the Times circulation and that there are but few people on Coos Bay who do not read the Times every day.
A "want" ad in the Times will reach the party with whom you can do business.
Try one today. Phone 133.

TO LOCATE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Christofferson Making Great Hit There; Opens Factory and Plans Machine.

Silas Christofferson, the Times birdman who made such a hit on Coos Bay with his aeroplane and hydroplane exhibitions here last fall, has practically decided to locate in San Francisco, according to a letter from his brother, Harry, to the Times today. Mr. Christofferson in his letter says:

"A week ago last Sunday night Silas flew over the city, about 2000 feet high, and the machine was illuminated with electric lights. Lincoln Beachey (the world's greatest aviator) said it was by far the most spectacular aerial stunt that had been pulled off during the year 1912.

"Silas flew at the meet here last week with Lincoln Beachey, Roy Francis, Robert Fowler, Tom Gunn (the Chinese flyer), and Thaddeus Kerns. Next to Beachey he was the most popular flyer. We have been doing a great deal of passenger carrying since we came here.

"New Year's day we carried about twenty passengers during the afternoon. Our machinery has been installed in our factory and we have the best equipment on the

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Women's High Top Shoes, 14-inch tops, black, gun metal, lace, \$5.00 Shoes, Friday and Saturday at - - - **\$3.50**

Women's High Top Shoes, 16-button, black, gun metal or tan, \$5.00 Shoes, Friday and Saturday at - - - **\$4.00**

Men's 9-inch Top, tan, lace, \$6.50 Shoes, Friday and Saturday at **\$4.50**

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OPTION GIVEN SETTLERS.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Representative Hawley introduced a bill amending the three year's homestead law so that settlers who were relying upon unsurveyed public land the time the three year's bill became a law may, when their land is surveyed, have the option of perfecting title under the new law or under old five years' law. He later will introduce a bill, further amending three years' law, by reducing amount of cultivation required. The latter amendment is drawn in the interest of homesteaders on land timbered country.

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