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A MID-WINTER DAY ON COOS BAY.

YESTERDAY was another ideal mid-winter day in this ideal Coos Bay climate. Bright and sunny, with air as soft as a lover's caress, it made one glad to be alive. Think of the snow and blizzard and zero temperature back East, and then be happy that your New Year is to be spent on Coos Bay.

"THE LAW?" "I AM THE LAW."

(From the Medford Sun.)
The esteemed Governor, with an eye peeled for sly votes, orders saloons closed in "wet" territory for the simple reason "that they need it." This is the first time in history that the law of necessity ever eclipsed the state code and the United States Constitution.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

"WHAT'S THE USE?"

Build for yourself a strong box. Fashion each part with care. When it's as strong as the hand can make it.

Put all your troubles there. Hide there all thoughts of your failures.

And each bitter cup you have quaffed.

Put all your heartaches within it. Then sit on the lid and laugh.

Tell no one else its contents. Never its secrets share.

Put in your cares and worries. Keep them forever there.

Hide them from sight so completely That the world will never guess half.

Then fasten the strong box securely. And sit on the lid and laugh.

GEORGE GOODRUM SAYS:

"A rich man reads the automobile ads because he can afford a car, and a poor man reads them because he can't afford a car, but they can all afford a Ford."

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS:

"They are getting so plentiful that every time you say anything against fools you offend nine out of ten people who hear you."

We can forgive any man his prejudices provided they don't conflict with our own.

After a gink has spent all his money on Christmas shopping and taken an invoice of what he received, he thinks of something he really needs.

Every man wonders why other men don't put a few matches in their pockets when they leave the house.

THE MORNING HUNT

Get out in the hills, at dawn of day. If you wish to renew your youth: It makes a man feel young again. And better, in very truth.

It gives a man's nature an uplift. His thoughts, a clearer tone. It makes for honest manhood. To be out at dawn alone.

There's a dim light in the hollows That comes soon after dawn— It half conceals the pair of deer— You almost think they're gone.

When all at once the doe springs out. Close followed by the buck. Now draw your head, most carefully— It always makes for luck.

Bang! Rings out the rifle shot. Again! One, two and three. The devil! Have I missed him? He's getting off scott free!

Not! Wait a moment! Watch him! I believe he's going to fall! Yes, he staggers back a step. And tumbles; that is all.

Ah! Not quite. I think you'll own The sport is done, for now. To get him in to come at once. No matter where, or how.

We sometimes pack them whole to camp. Hike, heels, stomach, all.

We sometimes cut the carcass up. In pieces large and small.

It makes little how it's done. No we get the meat in season. Well have the fire and mulligan. The very best of meat.

—Hearsey.

Make Your Dream True

THE GIVER

Not mine are purple muscadine,
Green wine and precious salve;
I bring a token more divine—
I give you what I have.
My roof, my road, my soul's abode,
The winds that scent my day,
My firelight's shade, my figtree's
load,

Are yours upon your way.
But ask no foregone beauty
Of money, musk or wine,
Nor call the name of duty;
Of stuff far more divine
The gladness in whose name I'll
give

You anything that's mine.
—Edith Wyatt.

THE TIMES desires to compliment and congratulate the Fellowship Club on its efforts to create higher ideals of everyday life and do things for the civic betterment of the community. Such an expression of a desire for improvement makes always for betterment. A free and open discussion of topics germane to daily life and communal government must result in better things in and for Marshfield and Coos Bay.

Perhaps there is not a person to be found who doesn't wish that suffering, sorrow and hunger might not have one victim on earth. Few there are who have not dreams and beliefs that in the indefinite realm of some where in the age of some time all mankind will be happy and free from the ills that crush us and the things that make us afraid. Most men believe in happiness hereafter. The universal dream is of an era of health and happiness, of comfort and hope and universal brotherhood—something.

Why wait? Why not make the dream come true now, or as nearly true as we may? Why not anticipate the indefinite, cease dreaming "of great things to do by and by," and do the little things that are so great and that in their aggregate make up the sum of human happiness below? For it is the little things, the easy things, the common things, that make us glad, the daily things that please and annoy are the biggest things of all.

Why not arouse to the day and begin with the morning instead of waiting for the millenium? Why not depend on yourself to realize at least part of the dream of good will and peace and human brotherhood on earth? Why not do the little things that stand at the gate waiting, that nobody has far to seek; Why not do them?

It is a little thing when a friend is ill or in trouble to remember him with a word of solace and sympathy, or a little more substantial help, if he needs it.

It is a small thing to go over the clothing in the attic and seek out something for those who need it, but the warm coat your little girl outgrew last year is not a small thing for the child who shivers on a foggy morning without a wrap. Of course you don't care anything about these discarded things, anyone could have them, but when you babble of this dream that is to come true sometime, somewhere, why not turn a hand to help it come faster?

It may be an unkind word on the tip of the tongue, a bit of gossip—but stop and ask yourself what is the need of the telling?

To the extent that the Fellowship Club can crystallize talk of ideals into ideal action, to that extent will it be a force for good on Coos Bay.

Why not quit dreaming and get busy creating this anticipated era of universal good fellowship and human brotherhood?

EXPLAINS HIGH COST OF BEEF

Oregon Professor Says Prices Have Not Increased More Than Cost of Production

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Dec. 29.—That the prices of beef are unduly high in comparison with other articles of food, is not believed by Professor E. L. Potter, head of the Animal Husbandry Department, Oregon Agricultural College, who has made a careful study of the range of prices extending over several years. He does not consider that beef prices have increased more than is justified by the increased cost of production.

"Of course present prices seem high in comparison with prices which prevailed a few years ago," said Professor Potter, but it must be borne in mind that five-cent cattle was a losing proposition, and when we consider that the cost of production has been constantly increasing nothing could be expected other than a gradual closing out of the large herds, and a final increase in price. In addition to diminishing ranges and higher priced land the cattleman had to pay for labor, supplies and other factors, the high prices which prevail throughout the country. For this reason it is not fair to expect him to furnish us with beef at the old prices.

"At the present prices, beef making is reasonably profitable, and if they are maintained the supply will doubtless increase somewhat. But should prices go down, the cattleman will again curtail their beef making operations. Educational campaigns and legislation to increase beef production are of doubtful value. It is the maintenance of present prices that will do most to encourage beef production. Lower prices will discourage it.

"The cost of raising beef is about 50 per cent higher than it was a few years ago, and stockmen will not raise cattle without adequate returns. Beef prices will fluctuate, but they cannot be kept below the cost of production.

"The new tariff will probably have no great effect on beef prices, since the surplus from the great meat producing countries is already being consumed in Europe at prices approximately the same as our own."

WIND IN MOTION PICTURES

MANY people often wonder why the wind is blowing in most every motion picture produced. A motion picture man explains the happening in the following manner. If the pictures were taken when the air was perfectly still, then if the living characters happen to be still also, the picture would be as dead looking as a 35-cent chromo of "Twilight." So a time is selected for photographing the scenes outside when the wind is blowing old hob with things generally, trees swaying and skirts fluttering and hair flying—haven't you ever noticed how much more effective a woman is when her hair is streaming behind her like the banner on a racing yacht? Then, too, when everything's busy moving it looks like there's something doing all around.

GIVE BANQUET TUESDAY EVE

Men's Fellowship Club Will Hold Monthly Meeting Tomorrow Night

The Men's Fellowship Club will hold its monthly banquet and meeting at the Lutheran Church hall on Commercial avenue tomorrow night. Invitations have been issued by R. A. Copple, C. H. Marsh and C. S. Hoffman, who constitute the committee on arrangements. Covers will be laid for one hundred.

P. A. Tiedgen will preside as toastmaster and the following will respond to short toasts and talks on current events:

Hugh McLain, R. M. Jennings, C. R. Peck, Senator I. S. Smith and others.

NO TUNNEL SLIDE.

The Eugene Register says: "The report received by the Register from Florence yesterday that a very large slide had occurred at tunnel No. 7, south of Gardiner, proved unfounded, according to an investigation made by the engineering department in Eugene. The work on the south slope, where entrance has not yet been made, has been stopped because of the mud, and it is from this probably, that the rumor started. On the north end the crews are working in solid rock over 1000 feet under ground."

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'SLIM' SPENCER IS CAPTURED

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man Emery on Wednesday evening, was piloted across the Bay to Kentuck Slough by a North Bend fisherman at 3 o'clock in the morning. He remained a couple of days with some person and then with a map of the country tried to make his way to Scottsburg.

It is presumed that he got lost and wandered back to Mrs. Kantine's, where he told a hard luck story of having received a telegram stating that his mother was dying in Drain and he was doing his best to get there as quickly as possible. He was directed to a man named Lake, who he was told would pilot him over to Allegany, and he stopped for the

night at Otto Steven's place.

Was Not Suspected.

Spencer had with him a suitcase and new clothing and shoes, alleged to have been secured from the local merchants at the time the forged checks were cashed. His method of traveling and his appearance did not arouse suspicion among any of those he had help him, as the news of the man's escape had not reached that section of the country at the time. Until he reached Loon Lake he managed to keep several hours in advance of the information that he was wanted, and for this reason he had little difficulty in securing help to aid him on his way.

The fact that the story of Spencer's escape was published in The Times was indirectly responsible for the capture by causing discussion on the subject which led to the suspicions of George Terry being aroused and his reporting the fugitive's presence on Kentuck Slough.

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