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EUROPEAN WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

DEC. 1, 1914

The German Army after being divided escapes the trap laid by the Russians. Heavy artillery attacks are made by the Germans on the Allies' lines in Belgium.

IMPROVEMENT IS SEEN

REPORTS generally indicate that there has been an improvement in the lumber market conditions on the Pacific Coast. In Washington, mills which have been closed are starting operations again and in Marshfield the Smith mill has started to run five days a week instead of four days, which means an increase of 25 per cent in the output and a like increase in the amount of money that can be earned by the employes.

TODAYS ADVICE

Never put off creditors to put on style.

HOW ABOUT IT

The flea has never had a drink: With booze his brain he never fogs;

SAVING TIME

My life was filled with rush and fuss But I got wise, and I'm Collecting calendars and thus I manage to save time.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY

Who ever saw a "corner" on eggs?

TOO MANY CHURCHES

In Pumpkinville the fourteen churches have no support that's strong and stout; and all the time the village searches its clothes for coins to help them out.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

A soul without watchfulness is, like a city without walls, exposed to the inroads of all its enemies.—Secker.

NOTHING IS EASY

Nothing at all is easy in life. Nothing worth while can be done with ease;

Nothing worth winning is won with ease.

The goal worth reaching is sacred ground.

And it can't be reached in a gentle walk.

Or a burst of speed and a leap and bound

The eagle of victory perches high, And the climbing soul has far to climb.

With death and doubt in the vales below, And the stars far off on the hills of time!

Nothing one does, if he do it well, Is easy and simple and quick and light—

The task of life is a difficult task, To do it well and do it right.

Nothing comes easy, the strife is hard,

But the thing worth doing—ah, that repays

For the ache and grief and the dust and grime

And the infinite pain of the tolling days.—Selected.

NEWS OF OREGON

PENDLETON—Mrs. Susanna Koppitke, a pioneer of the city, died at her home.

PORTLAND—Joseph Bergman, who came to Portland in 1856, celebrated his 86th birthday on Thanksgiving Day.

SALEM—The governor and state treasurer are opposing the plan to remove Superintendent Cady of the flax plant at the penitentiary.

BAKER—Because of the cold weather farmers are receiving fifty cents a dozen for their eggs.

HOOD RIVER—E. H. Shepard, editor of Betterfruit, harvested from his 36 acre orchard what is claimed to be the finest apple crop in the northwest.

HAMMOND—A survey made shows that a portion of the city is so low that it is in danger if another bad storm comes.

MONMOUTH—A new railroad extending 13 miles into the timber which is nearing completion is puzzling the people who do not know the purpose of the builders.

SALEM—Governor Withycombe spoke at a meeting of the Western Oregon Older Boys' Association, members of which numbering 250 are holding a convention.

INDEPENDENCE—Forty business and professional men have formed a club, the purpose of which is the civic and commercial improvement of the locality.

KLAMATH FALLS—Preliminary work has been started for the irrigation of a number of farms in the Indian reservation.

HOOD RIVER—The work has been completed on the survey for the new road around Mount Hood.

PENDLETON—The Umatilla Stock Association has decided to hold another horse and mule show in 1916.

ALBANY—Mrs. Richard Rogers has an almond tree which has produced a good crop of that variety of nut.

OREGON CITY—Pearl June Pederson, aged 16 years, committed suicide by shooting herself with a rifle, apparently without any reasonable cause.

LA GRANDE—Six or seven leading Democrats are applicants for the appointment to the office of Register at La Grande.

PORTLAND—James C. C. Hall, a pioneer of 1845 and formerly of Portland, died at Everett, Wash.

BAKER—Julius van de Wiele, former proprietor of a Baker grocery store, has been arrested at Melrose, Ill., on a charge of larceny committed in the city before going to Illinois.



WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS One Month More and Santa Comes! Buy Your Gifts Early!

The City's Christmas Tree.

A woman, they say, thought of the first community Christmas tree. It was erected in Madison square, in New York city. There was something stimulating, something highly infectious, in the idea, for now cities and villages all over America are erecting Christmas trees in their public squares, says the Delinestor.

They are wonderful things, these community Christmas trees, not for their beauty alone, but for the spirit they arouse in the towns where they are found. They are the village center for Christmas joy. Christmas services, without sectarian barriers, are held about them. Christmas carols are sung at their bases. None so poor or so world worn or so hurried but he must see, must thrill with friend and stranger alike to this tree for all the world. It brings the child in the manger to every soul in the community.

The Christmas tree is essentially a symbol of the north and of the home. Yet it is inextricably blended in our minds with our faith, which is desert bred.

Most of the great religions of the world were born of some solitary spirit who sought the lonely sand waste and there wrought out that which made the desert of his soul "blossom like the rose." He who gave us the great faith went again and again out into the burning yellow barrens, where the tender, brooding, violet sky awaited him; where all the desert world, so fearful in its loneliness, found solace in his solitude, found fellowship in him all its pulsing radiance, as though in him were centered the heartbeat of the universe. In the verdureless, sand driven, star hung desert the Babe with his listening ear heard, with his dreaming eyes saw, with his throbbing heart felt, the faith that turned men's faces forever from the cold to the cross.

Why, then, should the fir tree stand in our public square, sign and symbol of that desert birth? Whatever its physical history, why should breathless thousands, hungry of body or of spirit, looking on the great pine tree hung with electric bulbs, backed by skyscrapers, topped by smoke, find in its incoherent beauty the urge set in motion by the desert bred Babe?

One would have said of the home Christmas trees that, after all, it was the gifts that gave them their glamour. There are no gifts on the community Christmas trees, yet thousands and thousands of us look on them with the thrill that belongs to faith alone. One wonders why.

Perhaps this is the reason: The community Christmas tree symbolizes that which the home Christmas tree does not. It symbolizes Christmas for all the world. It means that the dawn of real brotherhood is tinting our horizon. It means, and particularly this Christmas it means, that in spite of poverty and bloodshed, in spite of greed and despair, there are in increasing numbers in the world those who would share with the world all that sacred beauty and hope that are the individual's holy of holies, the most difficult of all one's spiritual riches to share.

It is the symbol of green forest beauty, of the druid's wild faith, of the Teuton's largess and always of giving, giving. Not strange that forever in our minds it should be inseparable from the birthday of him who gave supremacy; not strange, but utterly soul satisfying, that finally we have joined our hands and placed the Christmas tree in the market place—symbol that, at last, man may give himself to man.

"God bless us!" said Tiny Tim on Christmas day. "God bless us every one!" Dickens dreamed of a Christmas festival that should belong to all. His Tiny Tim, lame and wistful, might have foreshadowed the joy starved world that now crowds around the market place tree, saying as he said, "God bless us every one!"

A Memorable Ride. The most memorable ride in English history was that of Sir Arthur Owen, which placed the Hanoverian dynasty on the throne of Great Britain. The act of settlement by which in 1701 parliament decided the house of Hanover to the British throne was passed by only one vote, and this casting vote was given by Sir Arthur Owen, the member of parliament for Pembroke-shire. He arrived at Westminster, dusty and travel worn, only just in time to record his vote, having ridden with furious haste from Wales for the purpose on relays of horses kept at all the posting houses along the route. To that ride Britain owes its Georgian era; hence its Queen Victoria and her descendants.

SAYS BEACH ROUTE IS NOT DANGEROUS

Capt. Cornwall Makes A Statement In Reference to Recent Difficulties in Travel on Coast

Editor Coos Bay Times—I notice in a recent issue of the "Times" you state that the Beach route is dangerous. I claim this to be a wrong, false and injurious statement and will offer in proof of my assertion the fact that the beach route has been used as a public highway for the last 50 years without the loss of a life or a single serious accident. Some minor troubles have occurred but you will find after careful investigation that the beach route is not to blame for them.

I consider it unjust for you to knock a route that is carrying so many people to Coos Bay. What route can show a better record?

Sincerely N. J. CORNWALL

(NOTE)—The article appearing in The Times was merely an item in the day's news during one of the worst periods of the recent severe storm and had reference to that day only. The Times did not desire to say and does not think the beach route dangerous, but merely printed the news of conditions as reported on the day of the storm. The Times has no wish to "knock" any route but always prints the news as it develops, and as nearly correct and accurate as the information may be obtained.—Editor Times)

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Fannie L. M. Carpenter, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of Coos County, Oregon, and the Judge of said Court has appointed Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1916 at the hour of 10:00 a. m. of said day at the Court House at Coquille City, Coos County, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated at Marshfield, Oregon, this 1st day of December, 1915.

STEPHEN C. ROGERS, Administrator of the estate of Fannie L. M. Carpenter, deceased.

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