

## ECONOMIC ESSAYS

Prizes Offered to College Men For Best Articles.

PROMINENT JUDGES CHOSEN

Subjects of Essays Will Treat on Present Day Problems, Including Public Control of Railway Rates, Railway Taxation, and Kindred Topics.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—College men have been invited by a committee of leading economists to prepare competitive essays on present day problems, including public control of railway rates, taxation of railway property, causes of large fortunes, and other subjects. A competition of the same character held last year resulted in important contributions to economic literature and this year will attract even wider attention.

The committee which has chosen the subjects and will pass on the essays consists of Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, University of Chicago, chairman; Professor J. B. Clark, Columbia University; Professor Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan; Horace White, Esq., New York City, and Carroll D. Wright, Clark College. Four prizes, amounting to \$2250 will be given to the successful writers by Hart, Schaffner & Marx.

The subjects announced by Professor Laughlin are as follows:

1—"To What Extent and by What Administrative Body Should the Public Attempt to Control Railway Rates in Interstate Commerce?"

2—"A Just and Practicable Method of Taxing Railway Property."

3—"Will the Present Policy of the Labor Unions in Dealing with Non-Union Men and the 'Closed Shop' Further the Interests of the Workingman?"

4—"Should Ship Subsidies be Offered by the Government of the United States?"

5—"An Examination into the Economic Causes of Large Fortunes in this Country."

6—"The Influence of Credit on the Level of Prices."

7—"The Cattle Industry in its Relation to the Ranchman, Feeder, Packer, Railway, and Consumer."

8—"Should the Government Seek to Control or Regulate, the Use of Mines of Coal, Iron or Other Raw Materials, Whose Supply May Become the Subject of Monopoly?"

9—"What Provision Can be Made for Workingmen to Avoid the Economic Insecurity Said to Accompany the Modern Wage System?"

The essays are to be delivered to Professor Laughlin before June 1st. The competitors will be divided into two classes. Class A is exclusively for all persons who have received the bachelor's degree from an American College in 1894, or thereafter. The prizes in this class will be \$1000 and \$500. Class B is for undergraduates. The prizes will be \$500 and \$250. Any member of this class may compete in Class A. The most valuable essays will probably be issued in some permanent form.

## MAKES HIS WILL

Yerkes Leaves Art Treasures to Museum.

VALUED AT FIVE MILLION

One of the Most Valuable Possessions is Collection of Oriental Rugs Said to be the Finest and Most Costly in the World.

New York, Dec. 30.—When Charles T. Yerkes, the capitalist who died yesterday, made his will several years ago, he announced that as he had left his collection of pictures and objects of art and his two houses at Fifth avenue and Sixty-eighth street in this city to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This property is worth about \$5,000,000. The houses themselves are a veritable art museum. It was said yesterday among his friends that this provision of his will remained unaltered.

Among Mr. Yerkes' most treasured possessions is a collection of oriental rugs that is said to be the finest and most costly in the world, even exceeding in value and beauty the collection of the Shah of Persia or that in the British Museum. These rugs are twenty-three in number and are hung upon the walls of a gallery that Mr. Yerkes had built especially for them.

Several years ago he had the designs copied in their original colors and reduced to book form.

The paintings are comprised in a set of ten volumes, one of which was to remain in the Yerkes' collection and the nine others to be presented to the most famous museums of the world. Each rug was copied separately and each painting is about two feet long. Among the rugs is the "Holy Carpet," for which Mr. Yerkes paid \$60,000. Some of the others are represented as almost priceless treasures.

In 1897 Mr. Yerkes purchased and rebuilt the large mansion at Fifth avenue and Sixty-eighth street. In this he put his collection of paintings, said at that time to be the most valuable private collection in this country. He also bought the house adjoining his in East Sixty-eighth street, and made the two into one. The architect described the first and main house as costing \$600,000, its furnishings \$500,000 more, which with the cost of the lot made the total nearly \$1,500,000. Mr. Yerkes' paintings at that time were valued at \$1,500,000 and have been greatly added to since.

## ENCIRCLE THE WORLD

Prophecy Mormonism Will Become World's Religion.

MADE BY MORMON LEADERS

Lecture to Large Crowd in Chicago Joseph Smith is Praised as the True Prophet of God—Belief is Explained to Audience.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The prophecy that Mormonism is to some day encircle the world as the ruling religion of the universe was made last night by Joseph F. Smith and other Mormon leaders who spoke to an audience of 400 people at the Latter Day Saints Church.

The special services were held for the purpose of giving Chicago Mormons the opportunity of hearing Prophet Smith and his co-workers during their brief stay here on their way back to Salt Lake City from Vermont, where they attended the dedication of a monument to the memory of the first Mormon Prophet, Joseph Smith, uncle of the present leader of the faith.

"All elders of our church are forbidden to entice people to our belief against their will," said Mr. Smith. "We do not seek to coax women away from their families. I want you to know that the church doesn't tolerate such wrongdoing."

"To you young men here tonight I would leave this message. I want you to live above suspicion. It is essential that you live pure lives, that you keep your word sacred, and that you be honest in your business dealings. Don't tear down other people's belief, but show them yours, and if yours is better they will choose it. This is our idea of religion."

All the speakers praised Joseph Smith as the true prophet of God. The party left after the meeting for Salt Lake City.

### MERRY WEDDING BELLS.

Young People Who Will Begin the New Life in 1906.

This is the season for all joyful things and nothing contributes to the happiness of the principals and their kinsmen and friends, so much as a wedding; and in conformity with this pleasant doctrine, the Astorian is glad to herald the following marital unions that took place yesterday in this city.

A very pretty double affair transpired at the home of Mrs. C. Wilberg, in Upper Astoria, when her daughter, Miss Olga C. Wilberg, became the bride of Mr. William O. Brown, and her Miss Olga C. Wilberg, became the life-mate of Miss Christina Jacobson. The dual ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Seymour Short, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church in the presence of a number of friends of the contracting parties. A sumptuous wedding lunch was served and a large number of handsome and useful gifts were made to the newly married young people. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will take up their new home life in the metropolis of the State, while Mr. and Mrs. Wilberg will remain in Astoria.

At 8 o'clock last evening, at the rectory of the First Lutheran Church, 1717 Franklin avenue, the pastor, Rev. G. E. Rydquist, joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, Miss Bertha Anderson and Mr. George Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will dwell in the City-by-the-Sea.

One Piano Ticket With Every \$2.50 Purchase

## A GOOD TURKEY

with proper dressing and

## A GOOD OVERCOAT

properly lined and sewed

THAT BRINGS

HEALTH and HAPPINESS

TO THE AVERAGE MAN.

## Herman Wise

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ESTABLISHED 1880.

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## Church Notices

### FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

The regular Sunday services consist of the class meeting at 10:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School at 12:15; and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. In the morning the pastor, Rev. W. S. Grim, will preach a New Year sermon and in the evening his subject will be "What Does the Lord Say About Graft?" Mr. S. C. Turner will lead the League meeting from the subject, "What Have I Learned This Year?" A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend all the services. Splendid music will be rendered and you will find a hearty welcome.

### FIRST BAPTIST.

Special attention will be given in the sermons at the Baptist Church tomorrow to the lessons of the closing year. The pastor preaching at 11 a. m. on "The Signs of the Times," and Professor Diebel of the Astoria High School speaking in the evening on "The Record We Are Making." There will be just good, plain singing of gospel songs, but no opera music. Let everybody sing. Let the last day of the year find you in the house of the Lord.

### WANTED FOR CHILDREN.

The Salvation Army people are badly in need of clothing of all sorts for the children of the city that come under their provident care, and will appreciate any gifts in this line that the kindly disposed may be prepared to make and will deliver the garments promptly, just where they will do much needed service. Leave all donations at the Army barracks on Thirteenth street at corner of Astor.

### NORWEGIAN-DANISH.

Norwegian-Danish M. E. Church, Rev. C. Aug. Petersen, pastor. Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m., H. M. Lorentsen, superintendent. Service at 11 by the

pastor. From 8 p. m. to 12 midnight watch night services. Short services at the pastor and Rev. E. L. Nanthou prayer and praise meeting.

### FIRST LUTHERAN.

Services at the First Lutheran Church on Sunday as usual. Morning service at 10:45 in Swedish; evening service at 7:30 in English. At the evening service the pastor, Gustaf E. Rydquist will conclude the subject: "John the Baptist as a Forerunner of Christ." All a cordial invitation.

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Luther D. Mahone. Morning subject, "What Shall I do with Jesus?" evening, "The Work of God and the Work of Man." A cordial invitation to all. Sunday School at 12:20 p. m.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Rev. David H. Hare, pastor of First Presbyterian Portland, will preach in the Astorian Church here, morning and all are cordially invited. Sun meets at 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E.

### GRACE EPISCOPAL.

At Grace Church, services at 11 a. m. and 11:30 p. m. after service to welcome the Sunday School as usual, 12 noon.

### HOLY INNOCENTS.

Services at Holy Innocents Astoria. Evening prayer, at 7:30 p. m.; celebration Communion at 7:30 a. m. Chapel, St. Anne, also at 11 noon.

Water Cure for Colds. Half a pint of hot water an hour before breakfast keeps the bowels regular. Charities should be availed. Purgative is needed. Pain's stomach and is mild and gentle. Sale by Frank Hart, gists.

We are going to Give Away \$375 to Astoria Charities. Are You Voting?

## January Clearance Sale Days Are Here

OUR first big gun will scatter broadcast an avalanche of bargains from every nook and corner to remind you that our store is and ever will be the home of great bargains in good things throughout the year.

The First Special Sale of 4,000 Yards

## EMBROIDERIES

Commences Tuesday morning, January 2, 1906, at 8 a. m. sharp. These embroideries range from 3 to 18 inches in width and were never sold for less than 25c to \$1.50 per yard. The prettiest you have ever seen. Come to us direct from the manufacturer and are yours for

10¢ THE YARD

ALL OTHER LINES.

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Be Sure And Come

Women are the household economists and our clearance sales will start the new year right with you. We have bargains to offer this year that have no parallel—we know what the women like best and need in the home, that's why so many people come to us when they want something good and reliable. Now, its for you, dear reader, that we speak and hope to see you at our clearance sale.

Look at our Embroidery Display

Watch for Other Special Sales

THE A. DUNBAR CO.

THE GOOD STORE

Astoria's Foremost Dry Goods, Suit and Cloak House.

### OFFICIAL COUNT

of the Charity Fund Vote

Saturday, Dec. 30, 1905.

Grace Church	15826
St. Mary's Hospital	9208
Dorcas Society	5168
Presbyterian Church	4046
Public Library	2212
Congregational Church	1986
M. E. Church	1544
Finnish K. S. Luth. Church	1370
Eagles Lodge	1122
Baptist Church	876
Finnish S. S. Luth. Church	650
St. Mary's Church	556
W. R. C.	426
Monday Club	288
St. Agnes Guild	236
Holy Innocents Guild	194
W. C. T. U.	186
Norwegian Evan. Luth. Church	160
Bethany Church	122
Odd Fellows	108
Norwegian M. E. Church	102
Finnish Apostolic Luth. Church	100

only those receiving 100 votes or more will be published.

DON'T FORGET THE BIG MONEY PRIZES—VOTE FOR YOUR SOCIETY.