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One does not study the world long without noting that God has immense respect for individuality...

THE MERRY DAY.

ALTHOUGH THE religious feature of Christmas is large, strong and lustrous, yet the day is peculiarly an occasion of joyousness, merriment, pleasure...

But if it is peculiarly a children's holiday, why do older people make so much of it and enjoy it so much, too?

This holiday and other holidays, however originating, tend to become days of pleasure, sport, amusement...

So while respecting those who worship, and not ignoring, much less scorning, the religious teaching of the day, we will do well to recognize Christmas as largely a play day...

WHAT RESULTS SHALL WE SEE?

SENATOR FULTON has a bill in the senate for government ownership of the Oregon City locks...

Congressman Hawley can keep it awake. It is a measure that he wanted transferred from the Oregon legislature to congress...

Senator Bourne is still chafing a will of the wisp in his propesterous plan to spend \$1,000 and nominate Roosevelt...

Meanwhile Oregon railroads cannot promptly handle local traffic, freight or passengers...

and useless because clogged by a private graft. Though capable of moving quickly and promptly to the Pacific seaboard, every product grown in the great Willamette region...

BETTER NOT STIR IT UP.

M. R. T. GEER, in his Pendleton Tribune, grows warmly wrathful over a paragraph in The Journal about the case brought against him and ex-Land Agent Odell...

The Journal has not the slightest desire to misrepresent or annoy the ex-governor, but in spite of all this rather odorous language the fact remains that people made bad investments through General Odell...

If there was anything wrong, which the ex-governor seems to deny, he says he had nothing to do with it and knew nothing about it...

THE FILIPINOS.

SECRETARY TAFT thinks it will take the passing of a generation before the Filipinos can safely be entrusted with self-government...

Even if the natives of Manila city and province were capable of self-government, it is to be remembered that they comprise but a few of many mutually antagonistic and hostile tribes or clans...

It may be that a great mistake was made in holding the Philippines and in trying to teach them Western civilization. Possibly, with the Spanish fleets destroyed, and Spain confessedly whipped, we would better have withdrawn and left the savage children tribes to kill one another off...

Now there is Mr. Schuebel, who wants to be United States district attorney, when it has just been announced that only "true-blue" Republicans of long standing were to be given any federal offices...

they can only live and prosper by working together peacefully, instead of jumping at one another with bolos on every possible opportunity.

We believe that on the whole the work is going forward quite satisfactorily. There have been frauds, and excesses, and injuries, and wrongs, and mistakes, of course—abuse of authority by officers, cruelty, and graft—but less than might have been expected...

The New York American, which, however, does not object to the fleet coming to the Pacific, but clamors for a great navy, says: "We cannot consider with complacency the leaving of these mighty eastern ports and coast lines unprotected by a majestic fleet."

Unless congress is owned by the railroads, as Senator Pettigrew says it is, it will pass without much delay or opposition the amendment to the rate law providing that railroads cannot raise rates without a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission...

Everybody cannot be altogether happy on Christmas, but the sum of happiness may be vastly increased if every one, or a large proportion of people, will search out some distressed, dependent or discontented one, or more, and give or say or do something to make them happy.

GOVERNOR AND TREASURER.

THERE IS considerable trepidation among leading Republicans lest Mr. Steel should not be able to give the required bond, because, as is said with shuddering and terror, as if it would be a crushing calamity, then the governor would appoint a man who would agree with him, and "the state would be in the governor's hands."

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John Morley's Birthday.

The Rt. Hon. John Morley, the eminent English statesman who is strongly opposed to the house of lords, was born at Blackburton, Lancashire, December 24, 1838.

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railroad into Portland as expensive as possible, and to embarrass and handicap it to the extent of his power.

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The astonishing news comes that Greene and Gaynor, who in conjunction with Captain Carter and some "business interests," robbed the government of \$1,700,000 and did a treasonable job besides, have at last been sent to prison.

No possible amount of protestation can alter the fact that for years prior to Governor Chamberlain's induction into office the state's land affairs were in a rotten condition.

Burglars over in Clarke county, Washington, carried off a safe weighing a ton from a store by means of a handcar, and no trace of thieves, safe or car can be found.

The aid extended to the widow and children of the late policeman, Gittings, is creditable to those who extended it, and more is needed.

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CHRISTMAS HYMN

Oh, little town of Bethlehem! How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by...

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A "Sky Pilot" of Eastern Oregon.

Hidden away in the heart of the west, unobserved by the eyes of the outside world, and yet performing great service for humanity, are many men who are in the shadow of the field, but perhaps one that deserves especial mention is Rev. G. A. M. Lilly.

Wheels Turning Again.

From the New York Examiner. The Harriman railroads have announced the reemployment of 6,000 men who were laid off when the recent financial clouds appeared darkest.

Portland the Rose of the West.

Rose of the West, Like thy blossoms, Vanquish shadows and crimson tints, Waking the songbirds to roundelay, Thrilling the glad world with their melody filling.

Male Visitor Makes Mistake.

A tailor tossed into a corner a Thanksgiving suit that had turned out a misfit.

Small Change

Tomorrow's It. Try to manufacture smiles. Merry Christmas, everybody. Aren't they happy—the kids? Notice how the days are lengthening!

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Oregon Sidelights

The Dalles had some sleighing. The flow of oil in the Malheur well is said to be increasing. The mayor of Klamath Falls has suppressed open gambling.