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The friends of a great man were made by fortune, his enemies by himself, and revenge is a much more punctual paymaster than gratitude.-Colton

CHRISTMAS GIVING

UCH advice is given by news paper and other writers annually about Christmas giving and while most of this advice is good, it may be doubted If it has much influence. In this matter most people will act as inclination and impulse prompt, at which nobody can complain serious-

Yet a few suggestions, though not new, may be excusable. The best giving is to give something of one's self. That is, to make some sacrifice and yet be glad to do so, to feel a pleasure in doing so, to give of service, in entire sincerity and unselfishness. Thus given, the intrinsic value of a gift is of little consequence. No money value is as great as the value of love, or true, steadfast friendship. That is unstable, evanescent, perhaps of meretricious savor; these are sweet, sacred, enduring. Gifts bought with much money are good, but human and transient; gifts that are sanctified with love are eternal, divine.

With all other giving-to relatives, friends, associates, people on the real, true Christmas spirit, liberal, thoughtful, broadly charitable giving to the poor, to all in need of nonal cheer of luxuries, to widows and orphans, to victims of calamishadows of sorrow, to every mortal lucky or unfortunate.

And this giving should not be done his savings bank of self-esteem, but subordinate positions satisfactorily. ice for the greatest benefit of the with genuine pleasure in giving pleasure, in thus obeying the adjurations and following the example of him whose coming to earth the Christian world tomorrow cele-

While multitudes feast, should some in their vicinity go hungry? While many rejoice, in brilliant attire, should some near by look out shiveringly upon the Christmas day, despondent and despairing, friendless and forgotten? What would Jesus say to that sort of celebration of his birth? But more than food and raiment and fuel, give love. If ever during the year the Golden Rule is practiced, it should be now. Let the holiday motto be: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

HAWLEY AND ELLIS

with Republican sentiment in slight consideration, Oregon. It is amazing that they do not themselves comprehend the situation and switch their allegiance. most conspicuous administrator of Opposing the Panama canal, oppos- the Roosevelt policies, was a suffi- ship being put on the route to Nome, ing a liberal policy for waterways, opposing postal savings banks, op- carried out. And this was strongly The Journal has often shown and posing, in fact, everything that Ore- confirmed by the appointment of urged, Portland could and should gon wants, Cannon is the last man Fred Dennett as commissioner of the get a large share of the big and In the country this state should de-sire in a place of authority in leg-ganized movement" to disclose to ob-far as anybody can discover, all that islative matters. Throughout his servant people the total lack of sym- is necessary is to go after it with career as boss of the house, he has pathy of the present administration stood in the way of Oregon's prog- with the "Roosevelt policies." ress and contributed mightily to the delay, waste and noncompletion of the waterway projects of the state. Oregon is to profit enormously from the Panama canal, and is tremendonsly interested in its early completion; yet Cannon has publicly denormeed that project on many occa- it allows politicians to use it; and he sions, and would have prevented its alludes to Republicans who do not construction if ft had been within his power. Support, therefore, of Cannon is nothing short of a betrayal maries "without knowing what they of the interests of Oregon, a betrayal do"; and he demands an assembly, perfectly understood by Oregon peoble, and through the natural laws ignorance in the selection of our pubof cause and effect it is a mere mat. lie officials." ter of common sense that the support of Cannon by Hawley and Ellis and amusing. should be reserved.

20 in the case of Hawley voted yes, support of an assembly ticket. 42 no, and 30 did not answer. In the case of Ellis, 10 voted yes, 25 no, and 10 did not answer. On the question, "Do you desire that he support the administration and policies of Speaker Cannon, or would you prefer that he oppose them," one one Republican, in the case of Hawley answered yes, \$2 said no and 9 did not answer. In the case of Ellis, not one voted yes, 39 answered no and 6 did not answer.

If the congressmen have not sufficient native sagacity to comprehend it, somebody ought to explain, if it can be done, the meaning of these figures to Hawley and Ellis.

REFORM FORCES BUSY

ORMER PRESIDENT ELIOT of Harvard has been widely quoted as saying that Boston had abandoned the direct primary. and he is represented as approving this action. But the facts have been much misstated. The candidates for municipal offices in Boston have not ter, by any caucus or party convention or primary, but by petition. Any one who can get 5000 signatures to his petition can offer himself as a candidate, and all candidates must appear on the ballot absolutely without any party designation whatever. The aim is to destroy party control entirely in municipal affairs, to divorce them completely from party

The Hughes plan in New York is comparatively conservative. even in city elections, but his idea is to try to make party conventions more really representative of the masses of the party voters, and if nominations were unsatisfactory to a give them a chance to put other can- The people were not in favor of such didates in the field. It may be doubtconvention system is possible, but even such attempted reform as Governor Hughes proposes is bitterly with the other proposition, and there givers-there should go, to carry out opposed by the bosses and machine gangs of both parties.

In this connection the call for a "short ballot" is attracting a good material things, in distress for nec- deal of attention. It is believed that essaries, to those even without sea- in large cities too many officers are and the Oregonian knows this very elective; that the system of municipal government can be simplified- these facts and tries to hide the ties, to those bereaved, to all in deep as Boston is doing-by electing only truth from sight. a few responsible heads of adminiswho has been more than usually un- tration, and depending upon them to fill all minor positions by appointment with the right kind of men. that the new administration to be merely as an act of charity for If the people can get the sort of successful "must protect the people which the giver may credit himself men they need in the big positions, with an added deposit of treasure in these men can be trusted to fill the property and develop the public serv-

ROOSEVELT POLICIES" NOT IN FAVOR.

Interior Bailinger are part of a more It has no greater duty than to proor less definitely organized move- tect the people from the predatory, ment to discredit the Taft administration, especially by spreading the impression that the so-called "Roosevelt policies" are in unfriendly hands.

This reads like an "inspired" statement, calculated to counteract the rapidily growing impression that the Copenhagen experts who passed adpeople call such, are in fact in "unfriendly hands." President Taft has Danes desire to undertake any furdone very little to push forward and ther work of this kind. Schley icles, and the personnel of his cabinet, with perhaps one or two excep- detraction by a clique of officers, in N THEIR support of Cannon and tions, was equivalent to notice at the the interest of one of their favor-Aldrich, Congressmen Hawley outset of his administration that ites, and perhaps for this reason is and Ellis are out of harmony these policies would receive but inclined to befriend Cook, the un-

> tion, the turning out of Garfield, the cient notice that they were not to be northwest Alaska, next spring. As

CANDID EXPRESSIONS

WRITER in the morning paper thinks that the grange is being menaced and that its usefulness will be destroyed because fall in with the assembly scheme as "an ignorant mob," who act in priwhere knowledge shall prevail over

All this is both slightly instructive

It indicates again what the assem There is no beties evidence of the bly politicians think of the grangers real sentiment than the straw vote and other rural and producing vottaken by Success magazine, figures ere, whom, however, the politicians profitable prices to the moss gathfrom which were published in this companion. The courts decided that these profitable prices to the moss gathfrom which were published in this are not using, but would like very erers, thus establishing a new in- ion sufferers from judicial dogma bids rights! Did the fact that the culprits much to do so. We learn that the dustry for this state. Oregon has in the eres of the world as the persent anything to do with this decision?

The entire country and the figures. were necessarily small, but there is a representative case, regard these spare, and if along with portions of no guestion that they reflect perfect, voters as utterly "ignorant," a mere it some of its remaining mossbacks than another in revolutionary times by the true sentiment. On the ques- "mob," entirely unfit to choose of- could be shipped out of the state, tion: "Do you approve of the posi- ficials or candidates, which work it would make a double gain. It

tion with reference to Ellis, 6 Re- . These candid expressions of opin-

Would you vote for him if there enlightening or informative, but the grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerwere another election this month, they may not be calculated to win provided he were opposed by a re- the votes of the "ignorant mob," putable man of the opposite party," that is, most of the voters, to the

SUPPRESSED FACTS

OMMENTING on the Oregon supreme court's decision upholding the increase of the number of supreme court judges from three to five, the Oregonian, that has a chronic, bitter grudge against a sister of Cecelle, the crown princess that court, says:

"It could be reversed, however, by initiative, unquestionably, if any would take the trouble to prepare the petition; for it is not likely that the people, having voted twice against the scheme by tremendous majorities, would now stultify themselves by reversing themselves."

It is very improbable that this decision would be reversed if the people were to vote on the question again. With characteristic disingenand willfully misrepresents the fact as to the question submitted to the people, and the propositions rejected by them last year. The proposed amendment was not merely for an additional number of judges, but it was so drawn that the legislature a was apparently empowered to fix of the wild eyed heathen took me to the number of judges at will, without restriction. The Oregonian El Razor, or something like that—and knows this, for this bad feature of wipe the natives off the map with a the amendment was pointed out by to that paper, which indorsed his ing, Ferdy, is one of the pursuits that view and urged its readers to vote I never pursued, so not to overlook any against the amendment on that acers who would have voted for increasing the number of judges to this account.

Besides, the amendment also contained a proposition to transfer probate business from the county courts to the circuit courts, and practicala change; there was no good and sufficient reason given for making lous, it was entirely incongruous was no excuse for yoking the two

It was for these reasons, in all probability, that the supreme court well, yet it continually suppresses

In a post-election speech in New York city Mr. W. R. Hearst said in their possession of their public people. The administration must save the money that is wasted and stolen, but must spend it liberally of my eye. Met her the first day I got in schools and parks, for public here. N ASSOCIATED PRESS dis- works, in the public interest." This

ravening wolves that seem to be in

higher favor than ever before at

Washington.

Admiral Schley still has faith in Dr. Cook, and while he believes that Peary also got to the Pole he wants Peary to submit his records to the 'Roosevelt policies," or what the versely on Cook's narrative. This seems fair, but it is doubtful if the suffer misrepresentation and false der dog, and not be too enthusiastic Leaving Ballinger out of the ques- over Peary, the officials' favorite.

Again there is talk of a steamget a large share of the big and profitable trade of that region. So far as anybody can discover, all that is necessary is to go after it with determination and persistence. It is greatly to be hoped that this report will prove true, and that a line of two or more vessels may be established between Portland and

Alaska. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram performed a remarkable feat of journalism in its Christmas edition, parts, 16 of which were devoted to Christmas features, 44 to news, other sections being devoted to society, real estate, civic improvement, building and development, livestock, political campaigns, upon the attention of candidates. Our Socialist friends automobile news, editorial and comic features. No such voluminous news- situation at Spokane, where the powpaper was ever before published in ers that be appear to have been taking a city of Fort Worth's class, if anywhere. It exhibits much enterprise.

Princess Alexandrine wife of Crow-

In. In 1898 she was married to Prince Christian and went to Copenhagen to live. Owing to poor health the princess has never taken a very active part in the social life of the Danish court and in recent years, on the advice of physicians, has resided the most of the time in the warm climate of southern Europe. Two children have blessed the union of Prince and Princess Christian. The eldest is Prince Christian Frederick, now in his tenth year, who in all probability second child is Prince Knud, who was born in 1900. Princess Alexandrine is



FREDDY FUNNELL'S LETTERS. Manila, P. L. February 11.-Dear Ferdy-Look upon these lines, Ferdy, and then take off your hat and get up and shake hands with yourself, for you are reading a letter from a king. Or pretty near it-a tenspot, anyway.

You know I've been down here about 10 days. Well, I went to a cock fight— great sport, cock fighting. I won 700 pesos and spent it for essence of crime and got acquainted. Good lot of fellows, these Full-o'-peanuts.
Well, we celebrated the occasion, about

thousand of us, for two days, and one slaughtering picnic into the interior-to damp towel, and then they'd elect me king, queen, tack and a pair of aces, So I told em to count me in. Kingchances to enjoy myself, I decided to do a little reigning.

Next morning we sneaked out, uncon cerned like, as if we were going to mass and gathered ourselves together. Then we took 42 drinks apiece, shouldered our muskets and vamoosed toward El Razor.

We made quite an army-about 900 of us, with six guns between us and I the only member of the flock with enough real clothes on to cnoke an os-

emy. He came out of a hut to see what we wanted. I told him by the great Jewhilliken and condemned corned beef we came to make sausage out of him and his hired man. Then a wild cheer rose to a height of about nine cheer rose to a height of about nine to reappear bodily tomorrow in this city. Crazy people, like the poor, we patriots. He didn't seem to cafe my patriots. He didn't seem to catch my meaning, so I got Aconite to translate my terrible attitude toward the whole El Razor family.

They talked for about an hour and Aconite said the old man was all the El Razors there was left and he was harmless. Kind of a safety Razor, I guess. He said the chickenpox or the pip or something had got into the family and kind of unheaved the kingdom. He said he'd abdicate the throne without putting up a fight, however, so I took his sword and we camped there that night. He was a dull old Razor and we didn't have much fun till we returned to Manila next day.

I went out there by myself and reigned till I got tired yesterday, then came back. The king business seems to be kind of dull here. I guess it is overdone. Think I'll sell my noble birthright for a mess of potash. Well, Ferdy, I've met the applesauce

Her name's Telephone Tomor-Anyway that's what it sounds When I got off the boat she patch says that President Taft summarizes the duty not only of fell on my neck and called me "Senor has at last been convinced that city administrations generally, but Bob." There were plenty of other like. has at last been convinced that city administrations generally, but necks for her to fall on, she could even the attacks on Secretary of the of the national administration, too, have fallen on her own, but it seemed as though she was kind of particular. I told her, of course, that I was glad to see her and asked her how Aguinaldo was. Playing the Senor Bob business, you see. And so I walked home with her-me telling her little anecdotes in plain U. S. A. and she talking about the deuce of a time she'd been having since I'd been gone, in

This Bob, it seemed, was a high roller and long on the con, so I tickled her under the chin and chewed off her freckles till the cows came home

I overlooked one or two little bets, though. In our delirium of joy after having been separated for so blamed carry out the so-called Roosevelt pol- knows by experience what it is to dad's haclenda and he came out and long, we wandered too close to her punctured my tires with a boy's size dose of shot and then he grabbed his daughter to him and I left. I left by a straight and narrow path and with about \$2.34 worth of alacrity, Ferdy. But it was worth it, Ferdy. If I could stand with Senorita Telephone To morrow tomorrow and hunt for freckles with the old parent shooting holes in me as large as a piece of pie I would do it. From his majesty, FREDERICKUSS FUNNELLUS, Rex.

Letters From the People

Free Speech.

Ballston, Or., Dec. 23 .- To the Editor of The Journal: Recent events have reminded me of what an old Copperhead once told me of the Fremont nalism in its Christmas edition, campaign in eastern Iowa. He said that imprisoned in a republic that practi-which consisted of 156 pages, in 12 the campaign yell of the Abolitionists cally had its origin in an act similar was, "Fremont, Free Speech and Free Niggers" To a man up a tree it effete monarchies of Europe will have ward at least would seem as though there will be exceeding great need of forcing the con-necting clause of that old rell, in future have ample campaign material in the lessons from the oligarchy that runs that a retaliers' association in Iowa had the dominions of the car of all the Rus. sold goods to a mail order house. The

All of us remember the treatment ac- association was sued by Montgomery erers, thus establishing a new in- ion sufferers from judicial dogma bids rights. Did the fact that the culprits doubter for this state. Orders has fair to make this nation as ridiculous, were not a labor organization, but a public. For if there is one thing more which we pride ourselves, it is probably. tion: "Do you approve of the position of Representative Hawley in
the speakership contest last spring."

It would make a double gain. It
should be left to a few politicians and
could even afford to offer a hounty
fused to drink taxed tea themselves but
the speakership contest last spring."

Republicans voted yes, 55 no, and
and fit to make selecthe speakership contest last spring."

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and not vote. To the same questions.

Crown Princess' Birthday.

It would make a double gain. It
those bean enting patriots not only rethose patriots not of the patriots not only the action of the Boston Tea Party. Now, ing other people's property: "Mr. Jompers, of al. never went to such engine, but simply amounted in their

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

He went about doing good. Fine weather to get married. Santa Claus is always on time. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Everybody knows it's Christmas eve See that no children suffer or are Let's be charitable even to the bad, Now is the time to be more happy The truest happiness is Well, Dr. Brougher, if you must go good luck t' ye.

More people than ever before are try ing to do good. Everybody help to close out those Rec Cross stamps today.

Let him that is without sin among Dr. Cook can't find the North Pole his Christmas stocking.

The country is pretty prosperous is spite of the horrible tariff. Still, sleighing and skating are no absolutely essential to fun.

We hope even Uncle Joe will have happy Christmas and New Year. Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them. And the second commandment is like unto the first: Love thy neighbor as thyself.

Now abideth these three, Faith, Hope, and Charity; but the greatest of these s Charity.

Rulers of Christian nations should pender on the message: Peace on earth, good will to men.

Portland—healthlest city of its class the United States. Keep this fact before the country.

Certainly the children cared for by the Boys' and Girls' Aid society must have their usual Christmas supply of goodies. Chip in. A local lunatic insists anat Christ is

Crimes and tragedies are also always more numerous and conspicuous in the Christmas season than at any other time, as if to furnish striking con-

The money paid to the government by some of the stealing trusts has been alluded to as "conscience money." This is erroneous; conscience had nothing to do with it. The payments were made in the hope that the thieves would not be exposed and prosecuted further.

O list to the message; listen and heed; for now, as ever through two thousand years, its spirit to cherish the world has need, to increase its happiness, lessen its tears. Ye are building navies, and armies maintain; the burdens of war schemes ever increase; but the angel's voice o'er the Judean plain brought to earth, with Christ, a message of peace. The nations their battleships multiply; with hostile guns they guard their coasts; each looks on the others with enmitous eye, and of power to slaughter its neighbors boasts. But that heavenly voice did not so teach; its message di-

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Laidlaw Chronicle is now all print, a newsy local paper.

Wasco man refused an offer of oushel for 3000 bushels of wheat. Bend's assessment is almost \$400,000 over four times the amount in 1908.

Proposed canal from Fall river, tributary of the Deschutes, will irrigat 2000 acres.

Shaniko, says the Star, is the terminus of the greatest stage system in America. Albany Presbyterian women have is sued a cook book, but it has no reference to Dr. Cook.

Newberg and Milton are two growing prosperous towns that have been "dry" for many years.

A Walterville, Lane county, man 69 tons of carrots from 1% acres. carrot weighed nine pounds.

A man lived all his life at Salem and then went to Portland and died of ty phold fever, says the Capital Journal. A farmer in Missouri Bottom in Marion county across the Willsmette from Independence, has fine success in

Out on the prairie section of Umatilla county, far from the mountains, a cou-gar attacked a horseback rider; he es-caped injury, but the horse was badly scratched.

Indications of the tremendous influx of new settlers, investors and business men who will invade Bend and the Des-chutes country during the coming year are already apparent, says the Bulletin.

Hotels at the terminus of the railroad are overcrowded with newcomers, says the Bend Bulletin. Almost without ex-ception those arriving at this time of the year are en route to Crook county.

With everything favorable to a good season next year and prospects for rapid development work along various lines the Harney country will make rapid strides and surpass all former years, says the Times-Herald.

It is suggested that a good roads bu-reau be organized for Marion county, and that meetings be held every month, or every two months. Good idea, says the Statesman. The good roads ques-tion ought to be kept alive.

Silver Lake Leader: Still the people come pouring in to file on lands and in doing so are making no mistake. At this rate long before the summer of 1910 has passed every foot of government land throughout this section will be taken up. be taken up.

After being shut down for two years and more the Sumpter smelter is soon to resume operations, says the American. This is the most important and best piece of news received for Sumpter during the two years the smelter furnaces have been cold and its receipt has spread a smile of satisfaction over the entire town.

voice did not so teach; its message divine comes to us still; to the end of time will its melody reach—Be peace growers anticipate taking up walnut on earth, to men good will.

ORIGIN OF OREGON COUNTIES

By F. V. Holman, President of the Oregon Historical Society

BENTON COUNTY. Benton county was created December

23, 1847, by the provisional legislature. (General and special laws of 1843-9, page 50.) It comprised the southern portion of the original Yambill district out of which Polk district had been created. Benton county, at the time of its creation, was all of the original Polk district from the reestablished southern line of Polk county to the California north line. Prior to the creation of Umpqua county, January 24, 1851, a new southern line of Benton county was es-tablished by an act of the territorial legislature passed January 15, 1851. description of this line in section 1 of said act is as follows:

"The southern boundary of Benton (word county is omitted) shall be lo-cated as follows: Commencing, in the middle of the channel of the Wallamet river, at a point where a line, running west, will pass three miles south of the ford on Long Tom (river) (near Roland Hinton's field), and running due west to the Pacific ocean." (Local laws 1850-1, page 34.)

It is named for Senator Thomas H. Benton of Missouri, who for many years had been a strong advocate for Oregon. the Willamette river, its common boundary with Linn county; on the south by Lane county, and on the west by Lincoin county. Its county seat is Corvallis, originally named Marysville. The original boundaries of Benton

sustains the action of the two courts

But the ways of American courts are

past finding out by the average lay-

man-maybe the Oregon Bar associatio

might be able to explain them. For in-

stance, not long ago the press reported

High Praise for The Journal.

Milton, Or., Dec. 22 .- To the Editor

WALLACE TATES.



"Commencing in the middle of the Willamette river, at the southeast corner Benton county is now bounded on the of Polk county, and running south along the back which widens into a long north by Polk county, on the east by the main channel of said river to the appropriant tunic. Under the lower middle fork thereof; thence up said middle fork to its source; thence due south to the 42d parallel of north latitude; of chiffon over gold net is worn with thence west along said parallel to the this suit. Pacific ocean; thence north along the coast of said ocean to the southern bouncounty, as set forth in the act of 1847, dary of Polk county." (General and special laws of 1843-9, page 50.)

certain corcern that had not treated of your articles on certain exposures labor fairly. For this they are to be of frauds, etc., as well as the exposimprisoned in a republic that practi- ures of the misuse of the public by certain high officials and corporations, but intensely more radical! Surely the and this has changed my attitude toeffete monarchies of Europe will have ward at least one newspaper. The Ore-

This Date in History.

1775-John Campbell, king's agent for the Province of Georgia, died. 1800-Attempt made to assassinst Napoleon Bonaparte.

the United States. to the French.

1872—Barnum's Museum, New York will fly to pieces like a flock of fright-city, destroyed by fire. ened geeses and we cannot save the fragcity, destroyed by fire. 1873—Jehns Hopkins, founder of Johns 1873 Jehns Hopkins, founder of Johns ments, and our names will all be Much Hopkins university, died. Born May In this world of rush and hurry men

1891-Business, suspended in London

The REALM,

TEW YORK, Dec. 24.-- It cannot be

Fads and Fashions.

denied that women's fashions show better and more refined taste than ever before at the present time. Of course, not all fashionable women dress in good taste some either lack discrimination and taste, while others, for some reason, wish to be conspicuous; but the majority of women of the middle and wealthier classes are handsoraely dressed. Particularly is this true of the women above the average means. There is the present style every opportunity to dress in a most satisfying way, since provision has been made for all of the details of a costume down to the smallest of its accessories.

The host of creps weaves and the very sof, sating drape beautifully and are less perishable than the filmier stuffs: so they are greatly used for evening wear, and the woman who has few even-ing frocks and must give those few very hard west, will do well to turn her back upon the fascinating sheer materials and content herself with a more substantial fabric. A compromise is ef-fected by making the skirt entirely of the creps or satin and the bodice chiefly of embroidered chiffon or net or lace, and a frock of this type is perhaps the most satisfactory choice for a general utility evening or dinner frock.

Those women who have to economiz will do best by getting a high necked frock, suitable for wear at formal afternoon functions, at dinners not too formal, at the theatre and at restaurants instead of decollete frock which can be worn only at the most formal occasions. The high necked frock anof bodice and skirt, before the one piec dea ren riot, women sometimes had a skirt and two bodices for social func-tion. But that was almost as expensive as two frocks. Now, that the bodies and skirt idea is once more making itself felt, this arrangement is again pos-sible, though a majority of the new girdled models are, as a matter of fact made with bodice and skirt permanently

Women, however, who can wear a Dutch neck frock and look well in it, Fashion has sanctioned this cut for day wear of all kinds. It is altogether proper for restaurant dinner and theatre; and, while it is, of course not the smart thing for full evening dress, the free throat and slightly low cut do give a certain festive air and make such a frock look far less out of place in an evening company where decolletage is the rule than any high necked frock, however handsome.

In this season of modish black an exceptionally chie black frock whose skirt at least is of serviceable material and whose bodice is more or less sheer heightened by jet or jet and gold, relieved by a touch of creamy lace near the face made with a Dutch neck, Is perhaps the most useful and practical thing the economical woman can have in her wardrobe, and that fact seems to have been appreciated.

One of the favorite colors for evening wear is a beautiful golden shade, the genuine gold color which, if appropriately made, may also be used for day functions. There are also some of the exquisite greenish blues of the Adriatic. Mediterranean and Atlantic types, while dark enough to be practical for day use are modish night colors as well. The same may be said for some of the green, rose, gray and violet shades; and the woman who does not always ride in her carriage will do well to select one of these medium tones for her general utility evening frocks if she cannot

Black velvet dinner frocks made with utmost simplicity and worn with broad white lace collars and cuffs are the ultra smart fad of the winter. Frocks of this sort, accompanied by big black and over them are worn sumptuous fur coats or long velvet coats bordered with fur. For the home dinner nothing could be smarter than a richly simple black gowns with cuffs and collar of Venice, Flemish or Irish lace, pro-vided one is not the happy possessor of a real duchess or point set.

In Paris every woman who can possibly afford it has a blue suit. It is of the dark color, almost black, and favor seems to be beaped upon serge so rough and loosely woven that one wonders how it has been handled so successfully by the tailor. One very good model of this material has a short Russian coat, buttoning from the left shoulder to the bottom of the left side. but without a belt. A flat turn-down collar clasps the base of the throat closely. This and the cuffs are trimmed with black braid. It also is placed in straight lines on each side of the back and front. Through huge embroidered eyelets a scarf of black silk is threaded from the neck to the bust line down the front of the coat. Silk fringe edges this unusual trimming. The skirt has the effect of a short yoke in apronfront tunio. stiched edge plaits fall to give fullness at the bottom. A lovely blue blouse FLORENCE FAIRBANKS

Halley's Comet

(Contributed to The Journal by Wall Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His prose-posms are a regular feature of this column in The Dally

I have heard of Halley's comet and the tall protruding from it, and it surely is a hummer if the things I read are true; through the distant alry spaces It is straining in its traces, bound to reach its destination at the hour when it is due. All the scientists, in chorus, say the blamed thing's headed for us, by some strange, unknown attraction to our little world it's drawn; if it jolts 1814-Treaty of Ghent terminated the against this planet we won't have much war of 1812, between Great Britain and time to scan it-we'll be cooked and turned to ashes ere we know what's goiss2—Citadel of Antwerp surrendered in go. It will, in a festive manner, swing its tall, like some huge banner, o'er the surface of this globelet, and there'll be a ghastly thud, this old world worth the trouble, over griefs that because of dense fog.

do not pay; now we have a chance to last.—The pope issued an encrolical borrow something genuine in sorrow—upon the Manitoba school question which let us werry o'er this comet, starting finally disposed of that troublesome on the job today? Other ween in caltured phrases we shall ask to go to blazes, we are aweating over Halle and his comet with its tail! Let us all bd melanchoty; let us talk of mught but Halley, let us show this mulky comet how a people decomed can wall.