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THE BEST OF DAYS

T SHOULD be clear to any Portlander that this city more than any other is entitled to Christmas advertising as the joy capital of loved ones at Christmas, everybody all the world.

Quite true there is snow enough the most exacting ambition for a a single day in the year? Why con- through "many agencies" to influthe breath of spring. While other

outdoors in.

the Christmas spirit ruled the world. Hate and horror would go out of the world if men every-where would let their hearts hear sage of the Nasarene whose natal day was the first Christmas

Professor William Lyon Phelps

of Yale says in Scribner's that the reason many men, including some clerics, turn to the sporting page first is that they find there the record of victory, while on the front page is largely a review of defeat in outiness, in love, in ambition and in protection of self and property. But the deeper reason is that every man loves contest where the best man wins.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MAY this day be one of gladness A box of candy was also handed to and beauty for all Journal her, a beautiful handkerchief and readers.

a sack filled with candy, apples and This wish by the paper is not nuts. But all the other articles remerely a formal and empty complimained unnoticed on the chair bement incident to the season, but an side her while the little girl clung expression of the good will that is to her dolly and crooned over her in the heart of The Journal for all with the happiest, softest mother its people. The family spirit that voice that a dolly's ears ever were reigns in the big Journal home supposed to hear.

reaches out to the hearthstones of its patrons and makes a tie that binds us all together. In the desire to serve and to make so far as it can everything better for all, The Journal feels that it can claim that it has not merely one Christmas but reaches out to the hearthstones of When Mrs. Emerich came to

The bane of this world is hate.

different formula. Christmas is the natal day of Him who said, "Whatscever ye would that men should derstood to be the most poorly clad war," do to you, do ye even so to them." little folks to be found anywhere. Port H It is a gentle doctrine. To have all mankind look forward to a time when the Christ spirit would be the universal rule of conduct, is a goal transcendent. Then the little child more than material deprivation. in the street would not gaze hungrily and futilely into the brilliant shop windows at Christmas time There is enough in the world for that child to have its share of the pretty things, its portion of warm clothing and its part in the gladness of the world.

It may be a far cry, but that is the way The Journal would have the world be. It would, if it could

warm the heart of everyone with a care for others and soften in men the case-hardened desire to accumulate, a desire that, as it is more and more gratified becomes a consuming passion that saps the mercy

and the Christmas spirit out of the souls of so many. When they buy their gifts for the confesses that it is for the purpose

of spreading good will and gladness. on the skyline mountains to meet Then why confine such thoughts to white Christmas. But down in the fine them merely to each narrow alley, where people live and where circle? If they are a good thing, day in the year?

the breath of spring. While other day in the grandfather in his corner interest to know to what extent these expenditures were being southern neighbors, which by the fireplace, to the grand-here these expenditures were being southern neighbors, which by them-charged to the operating account of selves would be halpless against ag-there the fireplace, to be busy housewife, the busy housewife, the busy housewife, the souther interest to know to what extent these expenditures were being southern neighbors, which by them-charged to the operating account of gression," and moreover, the Illinoir down. Too bad, too bad! Here sturdy breadwinner and the brightlic in rates. eyed youngsters in every home. The The transcript of this testimony,

thers when the way is clear THEIR GREATEST NEED

W/HEN Santa Claus entered the door at the Children's Home in South Portland Saturday Afterno a small boy left his chair, rushed

up to the jovial saint and leaped into his, arms. There, with arms entwined tightly about Santa Claus' neck, the lit-

tle fellow remained until Santa sently put him down in order to attend to the important business of distributing gifts.

There was, among the other oked to hopefully by American phaned little children present, little girl. In her arms suddenly materialized the wistful dream of

a dolly that shut its eyes in slumber and awoke saying "Mamma."

the course of history. The conference on limitation of armament and the conference between Chile and Peru to settle the Tacna-Arica controversy, found in Washington an favorable to the achievemi ferences augurs well for the suc of the present meeting at Washing of the Central American states."

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dren in the world are the father-less, motherless victime of Turkish at the earnest solicitation of the Amer-Christmas has another and widely cruelty. She said they had a need lcan department of state "for the pur-Armenian children have been un-derstood to be the most poorly clad little folks to be found anywhere. She said that the greatest of all the needs of these little folks is for love. needs of these little folks is for love. are being made at present. At a previous conference, held in Washing-ton in 1907, the New York Post inand that to be deprived of love of mother and father handicaps them ton forms us, the Central American re-publics "opened a new era of amity in their relations" and established "an Having seen the same instinct so in their relations" and established "an arbitral court that was one of the most hopeful international institu-tions of the decade during which it vividly find expression in parentless children so much nearer home and so much more comfortably providsurvived," and, because "the Chamorro treaty between the ed for, who can doubt the full truth of what Mrs. Emerich said? States and Nicaragua wrecked" body "the United States has a peo that The person who has made Christesponsibility for repla

mas happy for some forlorn little child has most nearly interpreted In the opinion of most editors the the Christmas spirft. renewal of the arbitral court is about all that can be hoped from the present

conference, for while, in the genera According to the divorce view, federation or actual union of the five separate political entities is highly desirable, it is beset with many difreview, the chief impulse back of the modern feminine intent to comfleuities, and the United States can mit matrimony is a desire to secure nfluence such a movement only mor alimony.

MERELY BOOKKEEPING

Ally. The parley now in session, the Mobile Register thinks, "will hardly amount to more than a discussion of questions mutually of interest to the states represented," but the Indianap-olis Star adds, "the discussions should converting the states the states are stated by the states of the stat **BASED** on the testimony of Judge Lovett, in connection with the contribute materially to a better un-derstanding between the United States and its Latin-American neighbors," as Southern Pacific and Central Pacific merger matter, The Journal well as "among the five nations repcommented on the expenditures "A Machiavellian government. which he testified were being made

ticing the old style diplomacy," the Pitisburg Chronicle Telegraph ob-serves, "might rejoice to see the small ence public sentiment to support the separation of the Southern Paweather might precipitate a why not extend the good will and cific, and Central Pacific. The fording an exquee for intervention problem, the air is as soft as gladness to all and express it every Journal stated that it would be of and possible control. But our government has traditionally enacted interest to know to what extent

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speed 300 words in igned by the writer, ain Are Central American R stabilah an Arb tailty in the In ing Differences lves-Uncle Sam Themselves—Unde Sam Is Se as the Altruist, Seeking On the Good of These More o Less Turbulent Little Friend of His—Some Editors Wish Union May Come Out of It.

-Daily Editorial Digest-

(Consolidated Press Once more Washington is the of an international gathering that is

ers as another long step toward peace and stability, this time as affecting the Central American republics. "Twice her life. Santa Claus handed her

within the past 13 months," the Bos ton Transcript recalls, "international meetings have been held in the Amer-ican capital that have already changed

at of the ims. The success of these two con

nd made speeches, and Llo has written letters. B ters. Both hav thanks to our excellent news service

etters From the Femil

The turkey will be about the only ing that's stuffed when the dinne arts-but an hour later, that's dif About 30 years ago there was ment in Europe to form a syn

to of the paper, should the in length, and must her, where wall address my the quetribution]

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SING MOTIVES OF STATE

You can have all the happy new mar you want. We're willing to take our enthusiasm out on merry Christ-mas, thanks. Emglish-to build a re-ugh Asia Minor and Mesopo to exploit the country for the benefit-to form a lease ual benefit-to form a lease It's a mighty sad day, now that we're old enough to look back upon it, when we learn that Santa isn't all that he's cracked up to be. nations with a more substantial

Wouldn't it

The lrony of fate dell candy to the fat w

pars to the man

than that of a written convention. But The chap who eats his Christma The chap who eats his Christmas dinner at home today is especially for-tunate, for he will be privileged to share the usually delectable leavings. A skinny Santa Claus with cotton whiskers is presuming upon the intel-ligence of modern youth when he thinks he can do his stuff and get away with it. the English idea of the foundation of such a league as expressed by Lord Grey in the house of the the league must be able to uphold its undertaking by force, differed from the German idea, as expressed by Beth-man-Hollweg in the reichstag, that such a polley of force is in gross con-tradition of the ideal of a league of nations, among which right should

Isn't it maddening when you drag the old Christmas tree ornaments out of the dusty archives, to discover that something has been slitting on them heavily since last year? nations, among which right should prevail over might. King Edward France and formed the trip alliance. French money, instead of going into improvements, went to Rus-

sia and then back to France for arms and ammunition for destructive pur-poses. Clemenceau was an active member of this pact. They forgot the advice, "Revenge is mine; I mulish, saith the Lord," and the French people have suffered for at since. First they came here whining, and then threatening. Still the fact remains that they have been the cata-

Visitors in the city are Donald Wil-tinson of The Dalles, J. C. Bowman of Eugene, C. R. Jackson of Prineville Stoddard of Baker and Benson Burnett Sugene, C. R. Jackson of Prineville and Frank Solak of Eugene. paw that got the chestnuts out of the Mabel H. Hinshaw of Mossy Rock Wash., and Mrs. M. Sleep of Warrenfire. It is the prerogative of Great Britain to carry the white man's burton are among the guests of the Im

den and protect the small nations. That is her oyster. In 1916, when France and Germany were weary of war and Russia was down and out. Among out of town guests are and Mrs. Ralph E. Byers Grander the peaceable wing of Frenchmen in secret conversations with the Ger-

in secret donversations with the der-mans to find a way to end the war. This might have caused a great mone-tary loss to our parasitical financiers who had backed England. The in-Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson of Ne halem finished up their Cl shopping in the metropolis.

visible government of this country backed the revenge-lusting wing of Albert Heinrich of Nyssa Frenchmen to carry on the war to the bitter end, assuring them of nationa veek-end guest. Visitors from Redmond are B. Marsh and B. H. Bradley. Payne Pfuffer of Corvallis in assistance, and France bled herself white. Bolo Pasha was made the

goat, but history cannot be killed with the death of a man. What is on ecent arrivals in the city. in Europe now that we should meddle with its affairs? What is the game? E. P. Merrick of Medford is in Port

We have so much to do at home that Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sweek of Hepp is not done. Is it again the influence parasitical financiers? Are

coal fields of the Ruhr basin and ner came to Portland for Christmas. he oil fields of Russia and Mesopo-B. A. Lyday of Hoskins is among mia the oyster? If France cannot get them by force, Eng-cannot get them by financial ery. Are we going to again make pe safe for democracy and carry

out of town visitors. Among out of town visitors is S. Newhouse of Bend. L. L. Wilson of Hood River spent Saturday in Portland. nity and civilization to them

Among out of town visitors Nelson of Astoria. H. T. Irving of Cathlamet, Wash. among recent arrivals in the city.

Harold

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN By Fred Lockley

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

of Shaniko.

Dan G. Malarkey of

S. W. Willett of Astoria.

are visiting in Portland.

in Portland Saturday.

Moor-on the forehead.

Oak day was celebrated.

of town visitors.

Charles Turnbull of Prairie spent the week-end in Portland.

C. R. Timms of Quincy is amo

Running at quintain was a game in drawn remiwhich a man on horseback attempted

Retrospection in the realm of holi sports is Mr. Lockley's Christmastide mo Merrie England's ancient archives are dra upon for much material for historical re-nasence, in the course of which it becomes parent that whatever may be this day's det minuting for any parameter it was certainly co-

the quintain was on a pivot and had It is said that in the games and dia wooden arm holding a saber. If the lancer struck the figure on the cheek or shield, the figure revolved, striking the rider with the saber. versions and in the manner of observing holidays of a people you can the sectional characteristics. Our

their national characteristics. Our mode of life has changed so greatly foring the past century that many of the past century that many of

(CONTRACTOR AND ANDWAS IN BRIDE SMALL CHANGE

SIDELIGHTS We often wonder how Euro A very merry Christmas! Oh, well, the Fourth of July isn't

ha"-Hendline

Census reports of the various school districts for 1922 show that there are 3024 children of school age in Tilla-mook county. • The Boy Scouts of La Grande will spend five days of Christmas week in their camp near Mount Emily. The trip will be made on skis. ths."-Headline. That is noti know some men who have ed all of their ityes.-Molalla . . .

Many business men are restfully waiting the coming of prosperity to wake them up — instead of boosting Oregon products to creats Oregon payrolls.—Condon Globe-Times.

What we all need is more faith in our billow-men. Because one man or a number of men go wrong is no rea-tion whatever for us to lose faith in the common run of men. The world is full of good men.-Sherwood Valley

2.200

While in Portland on business

Visitors from Clatsop county includ

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith of Boise

and Herbert K. Beard of Walla Walla

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Edwards are

City

registered at the Multhomah from Canton, China.

ager. The rains of the past few days ha caused the Siuslaw, Umpqua and oth streams to rise rapidly and millions streams to rise rapidly and millions A Newport correspondent to ask us what we think of a is put a regulator on an automobil that it couldn't go over 20 mile hour. We believe it would be a thing-for everybody's automobil ours.-Cosvallis Gazette-Times. set of sawlogs think of a law to

The latest progressive movement a Garibaldi is the formation of a Boos ers' club, which starts out with paid-up membership of 75. The Tillamook Publishing compan has reorganized. Lessle Harrison r tires as editor of the Headlight an Wray Stuart becomes editor and mar

entings in Brief Form for t Busy Reader.

OBECON

Allan G. Carson, prominent attorn as been elected commander of Sal post of the American Legion.

Portland, which at various times. Portland, which at various times in the past has been looked upon as the traditional enemy of Astoria, has risen magnificently to the situation and is proving herself the great minis-tering angel to her suffering sister city. Let this fact be recorded in-delibly in the consciousness of this community.—Astoria Budget. Hay prices are soaring in Umatili county and livestock men will be force to resort to other feed in a short tim if the winter weather continues. A falfa hay is selling at \$20 a ton.

The attorney general's office is pre paring a bill for submission at the next legislature looking to the repea of that part of the election laws pro viding for double election boards. of that part of the election laws pro-viding for double election boards. Trial of J. W. Siemens and John Siemens Jr., indicted on charges of irregularities in connection with the closing of the First State & Savings bank of Klamath Falls, has been set for April 2.

A condition below the 10-year age over an acreage somewhat less than last year is the Oregon winter wheat situation as outlined in the lat-est report of the United States depart-ment of agriculture.

Mrs. Sarah Farr of St. Paul, 80 years Airs. Sarah Farr of St. Paul, so year old, noted founder of many newsboy clubs and loved by all newspaper hu thers of Minnesota, has arrived in Sale to spend Christmas week with her so William Farr of Turner. While in Portland on business E. H. Hedrick of Heppher is stopping at the

An order from San Francisco for a cargo of flax seed and one from Duluth for a carload of tow have just been re-ceived by the Willamette Valley Flax Growers association. Neither order could be filled, as the association has disposed of its entire 1922 crop.

WASHINGTON

During 1922 there were 2280 marriage licenses issued in Vancouver and 121 divorce suits filed.

Bowen Lester, a Corvallis dentist, is transacting business in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Coyne of Pasco Joseph A. Minogue, aged 63, a car-penter, fell dead from heart disease while at work in Yakima, Wednesday. With the death at Spokane Friday of John Gardack, 38, sleeping sickness has claimed 13 victims in that city within the last two weeks.

Four automobiles were destroyed and a brick building badly damaged Wednesday when a fire broke out in the Fowler garage at Mabton. W. A. Bailey of Lyle, Wash., was

A total of \$6,426,291 is announced as the tax bill which must be paid by Pierce county property holders for 1928. This is somewhat less than the bill for 1922

John W. Fouts, night clerk in a Pasco hotel, is under arrest by post office inspectors charged with sending through the mails letters threatening to kill a girl and her mother.

to kill a girl and her mother. James Radigan, 65, Washington plo neer and for 23 years car foreman for the Great Northern railway, died suddenly Wednesday at Republic, fol-lowing an attack of endocarditis.

Brooding because his affections had been spurned by the woman he loved Ted Gaddberry, 23, a Tacoma cook shot Mabelle Kandall, a waitress, in the shoulder and then killed himself with his lance to stick the guintainthe suspended and swinging figure made to resemble a Turk, Saracen or In an address before the Young Men's Republican club at Seattle Thursday, Mayor Edwin J. Brown an nounced that he is thinking of run ning for governor of the state in 1914

John McGragor, prominent busines man of Spokane and well know bowler, died suddenly of apoplex Thursday while attempting to cran Hock day, usually celebrated his car after it had I the snow. Saster, is no longer a holiday. Thet day was celebrated by the tug-of-war with a rope, champion teams compet-ing. New Year's day was celebrated Weldron Griffith, for many years a Weldroh Griffith, for many years a recluse and at one time private sec-retary of Roscoe Conkling senator from New York, dropped dead at his home on Guemes island, north of Ana-cortes, Wednesday. A musical festival, the most preten-tious event ever attempted in Tacoma with the drinking of much spiced ale and the visiting of friends. Prac-tically all of the old fair days, such as St. Glies Hill day, St. Peters day, St. Bartholomews day, St. Cuthberts day, thous event even attempted in Tacoma by school children, will be given the first week in February by the stu-dents of the city's grade and high schools in a series of four concerts. Southwark fair day and St. James fair day, are now obsolete. The sports of those days, such as archery, morris shows, warlike diversions and bonfires, have also disappeared. The old

en we need it so badly here? We d every drop of red blood and every 's worth of) material right can and will use it for our bene-if men like Goethals, Ford and Follette prevail. - William Isensee.

will not

DRY DEFIES ALL WETS Tells Them They Helped Bring Prohibition Upon Themselves, and

That It Is Here to Stay. Athena, Dec. 18 .- To the Editor of The Journal-It is really too bad, and we ought to feel sorry for those thirsty ones who periodically voice their antiprohibition sentiments in the public prints. We read what they say, of course, always looking for something the same old Their

the

Then, this is the Christmas tree center of the country. The Chicagoan or New Yorker buys a bit of billous evergreen brought a long

way tightly packed in cars and finds the cost to him was figured are striving to ascertain if automothe little pine or fir. But the Port- son who was going 32 miles an hour to a hillside where so many ever- vision. Next time you're tempted celebration in greenery is never yourself speeding toward the lunamissed and nature promptly pro- tic asylum. ceeds to fill in the vacancies for

Christmases to come. One of the beautiful customs of

Christmas is the exchange of Christ-Christmas is the exchange of Christ-mas cards. The people of most A LL he could see was the twink-ling red of the tail light on the communities are content with little machine ahead of him. Suddenly stock pictures of snow and ice with- even this disappeared. The maout much reference to the point of chine had gone over the bank. so beautiful as those that contain Then the little coupe was rolling scenes of a rose bordered Portland over and over until it came to rest street or of splendid Mount Hood towering benevolently on the east horison. Every Portland vista is a

portrait of Nature at her best. The Community Chest has reminded us that need and sorrow would be the lot of more than a few at this Christman season were it not for the generous impulsiveness of their neighbors. But, after all, the destitution, comparatively, is not so great-just enough to win for kindly people that finest of all sensations, the swelling of the heart that comes with doing good which can be paid for only in the coin of gratitude.

Few cities are more able to .reember either loved ones or the handlcapped at a distance with material good cheer. That Portland folk have lived up to their opportunity has been testified to for days by the ever lengthening line of the This is the common mistake of package laden at parcel post windows. There is something especially fitting about contact with distant friends through the medium of the Christmas spirit. Each carefully ever made can directly penetrate wrapped bundle is a messenger which testifies to the value still headlights, which under normal placed on associations of the past. Each tells how vagrant impulse was chained by fragrant memory ing traffic, are in fog the greatest at the season when hitterness of pirit is withdrawn farthest from the children of men.

But there is always in fog a little. Portland people can only wish gray, generally disseminated light that their security and comfort, the by means of which one may see at osphere of neighborliness cre- least the general outlines of the ated by a city of friends, could be road. The most comfortable way universal. Christmas is the chil- to drive in fog is, of course, to an's day, but the Bolsheviki have leave your car in the garage. But nied Christmas to Russian chil- the number of accidents in the for There are millions of chil- would be cut down a fourth if mothe war sone and in the torists would remember to dim at that have been stunted their lights for themselves at such inted by the misery and pri- time in the same way that courtesy

Journal wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. the state of the s

Judge Lovett testified these ex-In Detroit lunacy commissions penditures were not being charged to operating expense but were on a close count of the needles on bile speeders are insane. One per- being charged "into a suspense account, with a view to charging them and boy takes his George Wash- was found to be not only of inferior ultimately to profit and loss. That ington hatchet and with it retreats intelligence but deaf and of poor fails on the stockholders." There is no desire to do injustice to Judge greens grow that a whole Yuletide to "step on 'er" you may find Lovett and hence The Journal

> mony that Judge Lovett said; IN THE FOG

one that I always put on an unusual adventure, is that nothing must be done that is illegal * * * The fight got started and there were a great many agencies employed * * but I au-thorized him (Mr. Gray) to do what-ever he considered necessary within those limitations of the Jaw, and left locus. But Portland people have learned they can send their friends, swerved violently. He felt the ever he did within these limitations I fully indorse and approve. * * But t was in a certain sense war. I haven't much experience in politics, but it was very much like a political

with a thud upside down. campaign. Judge Lovett says that these ex-Luckily the sturdy top had held penses were not to be charged to an without serious break. Luckily, operating expense account. This, too, he was able to get the door however, does not change the fact open and extricate himself from a most unnatural position. After that a wealthy public service cormidnight had gone he arrived at poration was using its funds operhome, the rest of the way painfully ating "through various agencies." accomplished on foot through the and in any manner, so long as it dense gray darkness. Not until was within the limits of the law, to influence public opinion to its way daylight came could he do anything about retrieving his helpless ve- of thinking on a question involving hicle. The incident is taken from a very great public interest.

by the fact that money expended is when the fog was so abnormally charged to the profit and loss acdense. The trouble occurred at the count which has been largely cre-

right angle turn where the road is elevated on both sides and must ated from rates collected, or to the operating expense account direct. always be negotiated cautiously. Both motorists had their lights

hazard to the driver of the motor

which carries them.

conclusion that if a corporation is turned on as brightly as possible. driving through a fog. The effect was merely to set up a glare reflected fully by the opaque envelope which covered the earth. No light which to measure such actions. fog, not even the sun. Dazsling

Now that President Harding has made Irvin S. Cohb a major, what for eign foe would darg to threaten us with driving constitute one of the greatest hazards of the road to approachwar?

THE TURKISH NATHAN HALE

From the Norfelk Virginian-Pilot No doubt the parting words of ultan were: "I am sorry I have nore wives to leave to my country.

UNFORTUNATELY

State Journal adds, "it is very im-portant to this country that the Cen-tral American republics establish stable governments, reduce their esnow at hand, shows that, on being sential expenses and concentrate their asked by Commissioner Myers, energies upon their natural resources which are rich beyond dreams." Mr Mr. Hughes, in his opening address Kansas City, Journal thinks, "this country has no axe to grind and no motive other than those which bear on an enduring peace on

the hemisphere." . . .

makes this correction. However it appears from the transcript of testi-The only limitation I put, which was

largely "rainbow chasing," which "should not be allowed to interfere with the work of the present confer-

discuss the means of

hicks. The incident is taken from a very stear prove interest. the unreported accident record on The Journal confesses it does not States naturally does not propose to Milwaukie hill that night last week see that the matter is helped at all govern their destinies to that extent." . . .

AS PLAIN AS -

eds to know more than A P. Sta-

A gentleman named Alon dyocates burning all wor

From the Phi

To suggest otherwise leads to the

rich and can afford to spend money this way it is legitimate. If poor the "friendly atmosphere" of Wash-and unable to do so except out of ington, the New York Times suggests, this way it is legitimate. If poor earnings, it is wrong. This seems a rather uncertain yardstick by accepted

THEY'LL NEVER GET PAST INV

MOWING WITH MACHINERT From the Toledo Blade Lima Beans says the Grim Rehb has traded his scythe for an autom

From the Greenville Pietmout toe of Italy's boot is turn

come, heavy inden, with parched lips, and the same old mountain of anti-prohibition on their backs, and nothing but the dry sands of the desert before them; not an oasis in sight, nor even a mirage to encourage their for-lern spirits. All they have left is the conference, "expressed satisfac-torily the American attitude toward the Central American republics," the when there were palaces of booza of those gool old days gone by, with vice and crime concomitants in all their glory. But "them days is gone forever." Prohibition was arduously attained.

The immediate objectives of land

disarmament and the establishment of some medium of diplomatic interthem, but when they at last find it they are awfully "set." Prohibition is course is as far as this conferen not an experiment; it is a process, should attempt to go, in the opinion an evolution, a growth, and, of many American writers. Its "rea growth, it is growing. It has become work," the Milwaukee Sentinel holds, is "to secure a working agreement that minune to poisonous and evil influ-nces that oppose it, by the very ences that will insure regional peace in Central America" as "something definite to process of its evolution. We know perfectly how we got it, and know how to keep it. We know perfectly start with." Appealing as the dream of federation may be, it is after all what the old days were, and we don't want them again. And it isn't a mat-

ter of religion, or puritanism, or bigotry, or fanaticism, either; it is a matter of simple decency. The liquor crowd by their maudlin ence." The time "apparently has not yet arrived," the Muncle Star agrees, "for a permanent political union of the indecencies did more than any other five republics. Several previous at-tempts to create a federation of states factor to put prohibition over, and too late they have discovered their mishave falled. The most the present gathering is likely to accomplish is to

discuss the means of promoting friendlier relations between the differ-ent countries and of curbing the revoutionary breaks which have stunted political development," As the Nor-folk Virginian Pilot explains it, "the file of the boose element. As they were in the days of old, that way they sub-tropical Latin temperament is a difficult thing to win to the beauties of cooperation," and in any event, the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger ould be again. In drink and dops there is a moral

degeneracy. There is no question about it. It is not a theory, but thinks, "the union program is one about it. It is not a theory, but a demonstrable and demonstrated fact, a that must eventually be worked out under different conditions by the sispsychopathic fact, an historical fact, F. B. Wood.

NOT LOST IN WINTER From the Decatur (III.) Merald Trees are popularly supposed to hed their beauty with their leaves.

Granting that position, other writers none the less hold with the St. Paul Pioneer Press that "union is the ulti-The average person is scarcely con-scious of their presence until, in spring, their buds burst, bringing color back into the landscape. During the sum-mer, as masses of green, they are ap-preciated and in their special glory of automatic procession of the special glory of mate end which should be pursued" as a political policy, and since "the United States can give the republics invalu-able aid" in that direction "there is no reason why a beginning should not be autumn there are none so mentally poor as to ignore them. But where beauty of color is a simple language, speaking as clearly to children and primitve savages as to the cultured, beauty of form is realized only by the made at the present conference." "a practicable plan leading to union might he worked out and eventually accepted by the five nations con-

aid of a somewhat finer sense. Trees "There is hardly more justification for five Central American republics," the New York Globe declares, "than have it. They are more for nvariably tunate in this respect than many other works of nature. Whatever the accl-dent they have suffered, however broken or distorted they may be as the there would be of 28 Mexican nations or of 48 republics within the territory of 48 republics within the territory the United States. Political and result of too rule elements, they re-tain this supreme quality. Only the gnorant butchery of man can take it made for disunity. If out of this relice which he has called a new era of good will and stability is estab-lished in Central America the secre-tary of state will have done much to The strong lines of trunks of branches and twigs, the bark, all con beauty of tress. The person from his living room winds an constiousness of this re the prestige of this country in America and to have earned the appreciation of his fellow citizens." and, with the Chattanooga News, "all americs hopes the effort may succan gain it readily enough of trees.

> the Philadelphia North American tleman named Alonzo B. See men's col

Yuletide have become obsolets. A gas farnace or electric heater does not lend itself to the oldutime ceremonies of bringing in the backlog for the huge fireplace used by our forefathers. The the place of the turkey has taken oar's head borne aloft on a huge platter by the serving-man for the Christmas revel. No longer do we bring in the plum pudding afloat in a sea of flaming brandy. No longer do we ap-point a Lord of Misrule to serve as naster of the Yuletide sports.

Many of the old-time holidays are time elaborate ceremonies of Mids mer Eve are no longer celebrated. no longer observed, while those that It will be slow to go. The American longer do we decorate our front doors people do not always seem to know what they want or what is best for remain are often commercialized until as in the old days, with branches of the real spirit of the day is absent birch, fennel, St. Johns wort and gar-lands of wild flowers, nor keep a lan-tern burning all night over the door-Possibly your grandmother can tell you the stories told by her grandother of the old-time barn-raisings, way. . . . the Mayday games, the harvest feativals, the feast of sheepshearing and the Midsummer Eve ceremonies. Christmas pastimes are largely in Our in these times, instead of in the field or the forest, or on the village mon, where hunting, wrestling, ing, running, hawking, casting the javelin, archery, quoits, tilting, running at rings and the wild goose chase were

popular holiday diversions. In the old days the "commoners," as distinruished from the gentry, at the Mayday games, at Whitsun ales, at wakes and at other holiday occasions, amused by a string. themselves by bowling on the village

take. And now they promise, if we will only give them booze again, they playing keelpins, quoits, tronks, wast-will be decent next time. That's playing keelpins, quoits, tronks, wast-dream! They could not be decent a minute, and anyone knows it who knows anything about the rank and file of the booze element. As they Royal feeling then was as strong as that be-tween a follower of St. Patrick and an Orangeman is today. If you failed says, 'take pleasure to see a pageant or other sight go by-as, The opposing party, wearing plane-tree leaves, would hear the taunting cry raised : "Plane-tree leaves. Church example, a coronation, a wedding, or such-like niceties or to see an am-bassador or visiting prince received folks are thieves."

and entertained with masks, shows and fireworks, or they like to see bull-balting, bearbalting, dancers on ropes, jugglers, comedies, tragedies and cockfighting. In winter they recreat themselves much with cards, dice hess, backgammon, shovelboard, the hilosopher's game, shuttlecock, masks Michaelmas day was celebrated by the sating of a "stubble goose." Mother-ing Sunday—Mid-Lent Sunday—was the day in which one was required to make an offering at the altar of one's mother church. We have changed this observance of Mothers day. choruses and mass singing, billiards, Cancing, Yule games, riddles, cross-purposes, and the telling of tales of knight-errantry, thieves, witches, fairies and goblins."

The youth of London sailed and rowed on or swam and fished in the Thames. Among the popular games of London of the early days was The real festival of the whole nowever, was Christmas, celebrated by nagmena, the singing of Christmas palm-play-or handball, as we nov call it. From this game was evolve carols, mumming, the lighting of the Tule log and of the Christmas can-dies, the giving of Christmas boxes and the decking of the church and the our modern game of tennis. Originally they returned the ball by striking hey returned the ball by the later it with the pains of the hand. Later they put on a leather glove, which gave way in time to the wrapping of ome with evergreen trees and branches as well as with holly, ivy and mistle toe.

Here is a Christmas carol published during the Easter holidays for tansy cakes. Stoolball was one of the popular sports in the days of D'Urtey, an old-time post, who refers to it the in 1695, which became a prime favor its in England and the colonies:

Down in a vale, on a summer's day. All the inds and lances mich to be meet a match for kinnes at shollball to play. And for cakes and als, cides and perry. Come all-grout, small, short, tal-Away, avey, to play shoulball!

Observe how the chimners do about the chimners do The cooks are neuriding for disner But those on whose tables no vict Oh, may they keep Lent all the The young men played a

med goff-which, which, says ins ancient quires with space to or a routh ball is struck er, requires now is a king in conIDAHO

Fall-sown wheat is said to be in ex-cellent condition and if nothing hap-pens Idaho farmers expect a big crop next year.

next year. Kenneth McIntosh of Lewiston has just sold 10,000 bushels of wheat to the Sweetwater warehouse for \$1.05 a bushel. The tendency of the market is upward.

. An abundance of good coal has been found in the Teton basin section of Idaho, and railroad officials state that I ran across recently an old record dated in 1476, when valentines drawn on the eve of St. Valentines day. Corresponding numbers were drawn by the lads and maidens, and the maid became the lad's valentine. ers were

Idaho, and railroad officials state that they are willing to cooperate in open-ing the property. H. G. Wilson of Boise has asked that a search be instituted for his son. James A. Wilson, who left the diry last month on a prospecting trip and has not been heard from since. The Lewiston Commercial club has passed a resolution urging congress to order a survey of the Columbia river from Cellio to Priest Rapids and the he maid became the had Collop Mon-Pancake Tuesday and Collop Monday are no longer observed. Nutcrack night was the vigil of All Saints day. The young folks gathered, and, with their hands tied behind them, dived for

apples floating in a tub of water, or from Cellic to Priest Rapids and the Snake river from its mouth to Asotin. tried to catch nuts or apples suspended

Inspection of St. Margaret's and St. Teresa's academies in Boise was made Wednesday by state educational of-ficials with the view of placing the two schools on the accredited list of schools of the state. Few people today even know why

Idaho's public utilities commission has ruled that the value of the Idaho Fower company, upon which the power users of the system are required to pay "fair return," is not \$22,567,890, as claimed by the company, but only \$11,-632,495. to wear oak leaves in your hat, the boys were privileged to shout at you: "Royal oak, the Whigs to provoke,"

At Christmas In the old days Maundy Thurs was celebrated by the king washing the feet of poor man equal in num-ber to the years he had reigned, after which he fornished each of them a pair of shoes, stockings and money. By Carl Landerholm gain we tell in awe the olden story, While burn bright candles on the How the dear Christ fornook celertial Lived manifold's bitterest life for

From Bethlehem and angel song melodious, O Geleotha, how short the way to thee. From "Peace on earth" to wild mob clamor, odious, And to thy Piace of Shulls, dark Calvary

not lost; the tomb bea

Each sorrow bears its own

Thanks he to God! For, as we work and Where whirting winds of Latred

Like some bright minbeam in a dreary Through the fierce turmoil breaks th of pascs.

Hope on, work on! E'en dunge

At has each gril be filled with living light; vrever stilled the wild sermado's rumble, And heavenly music flood our Christman bright;

Oregon City, December, 1922.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING By D. A. Wattern A Merry Christman mensi To friends, to over other. Silver Las kissed the dawn And gold has kissed the sun.

May your Christmas giving Include a heart of love-Hamble, trustful, living Like that uf Him, above. Oh may the Christmas Jor Of here without alley. For Christ, the Christman

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cords around one's hand, which in turn was succeeded by an early form