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VALLEY OF THE COLUMBIA

"In 1825, from what I had seen of the country, I formed the conclusion, from the mildness and salubrity of the climate, that this was the finest portion of North America that I had seen for the residence of civilized man."

-Dr. John McLoughlin

Christmas Was There

MANY a sermon has been preached from the text: "There was no room for them in the inn." It is a testimonial to the spread of the Christian spirit that greater compassion is now shown for those who are needy. While in some respects Christmas falls short of the idealism which is its motive, becomes sometimes an "orgy" of giving; it still remains true that the Christmas season is one which thaws even hard hearts and prompts generous impulses.

On the afternoon before Christmas this writer made a number of calls to very humble homes, representing an organization desiring to spread some Christmas cheer. We found people in need, people who were looking for some lift at Christmas time. But in nearly every home there was a tiny Christmas tree. In one home the mother showed it with pride, and told how the children had decorated it just with materials at hand. There were paper chains such as children make at kindergarten looped about the tree. At another home,—well, it was hardly a home, just a shack where man and boy lived,—in spite of its most humble character a little fir tree was standing on a box or table. The cynical might wonder why people in such poor circumstances should have a Christmas tree even though the cost be nothing. Yet we found it heartening to observe these trees. They carried more of a message of cheer and of hope than the larger trees gaily decorated and brilliantly illuminated and loaded with gifts which stand in more prosperous homes.

The tree and its message will not be lost on children in these homes. There is, if we only knew it, a genuine problem in psychology where children grow up in families on relief for years. Will they become ambitionless, mere leaners on government, demanding support from society? How may the original American spirit of self-reliance be kept alive? One way, we believe, is by sustaining hope; and the Christmas tree with its story of a Great Gift to the world, with its religious meaning, surely inspires hope in the minds and hearts of growing children. This is not endorsed merely as "an opiate of the people" as the communists label religion; but as the nourishing of ideals and of ambitions and of hopes which have been the driving force to lift the race out of savagery and barbarism.

There were little fir trees in practically every home, or a bit of holly or perhaps a red candle; but they signified that Christmas was being celebrated even though the traditional Santa Claus did not stop there to unload his full pack.

Lumber Price Free

NRA code authorities have dropped price-fixing as part of the code governing the lumber industry. The action came after a sharp controversy and only after rebellious lumber manufacturers had carried their fight from the west coast to Chicago and Washington. The immediate effect which is anticipated is a reduction in lumber prices. It is perhaps better to say that the "bootleg" price made by the code chiselers will now be the prevailing and recognized price rather than the code prices which had become fictitious. There will also be a modification of differentials in the various grades and kinds of lumber. While these were established they sometimes worked inequitably. For example, makers of fir sash found they could not compete with the pine mills under the code; and were practically put out of business because there was no proper differential in the pricing.

With price-fixing put in its grave the outlook for the lumber industry is better than for some time. The midwinter demand has been unusually heavy. M. C. Woodward, of the Silver Falls Timber company of Silverton, returning from a recent eastern trip, predicted a strong demand in the spring. Other authorities agree with him. There is a vast pent-up demand for lumber for building purposes. The home modernization campaign was just launched in the fall. It will be renewed in the spring, and at the same time the new homes portion of the law will be put into effect to stimulate constructing new homes. It is reasonable to look forward to a large lumber movement for the first six months of 1935 at least.

Bigger orders for lumber and more of them mean busier logging camps and lumber mills and railroad crews; and the enlarged activity would do much to relieve unemployment in Oregon.

"Slips" tripped this column in an error in its quotation of last Saturday. The author credited to William Morris, and the correct credit should have been to Charles Swinburne, as it was from "The Garden of Proserpina." The wrong heading also was used; it should have been "Mortality." Oh well, we aren't printing pictures of the medical college of Willamette university in 1934.

"Slips" is one up on us on Swinburne; but wait till we both get in the Ogn's Great Bible Game!

One of the most prosperous communities in Marion county is Mt. Angel. A late indication of the substantial character of the town and the loyalty of the inhabitants to the town is the over-subscription to \$2000 worth of city warrants. The warrants were issued to purchase fire equipment; and were sold to local investors at from 100% to 121 though they bear but four per cent interest.

The radio technician at Washington state college is fixing up a portable set by which it will be possible for parents of students to hear their sons and daughters recite in the college classrooms. Great stuff! No longer can Reginald sibi on his low grades.

Irene de Font told the senate committee the only way to wage a war is to have an absolute monarch at the head of the government. Our congress seems to go on the theory that that is the way to wage peace too.

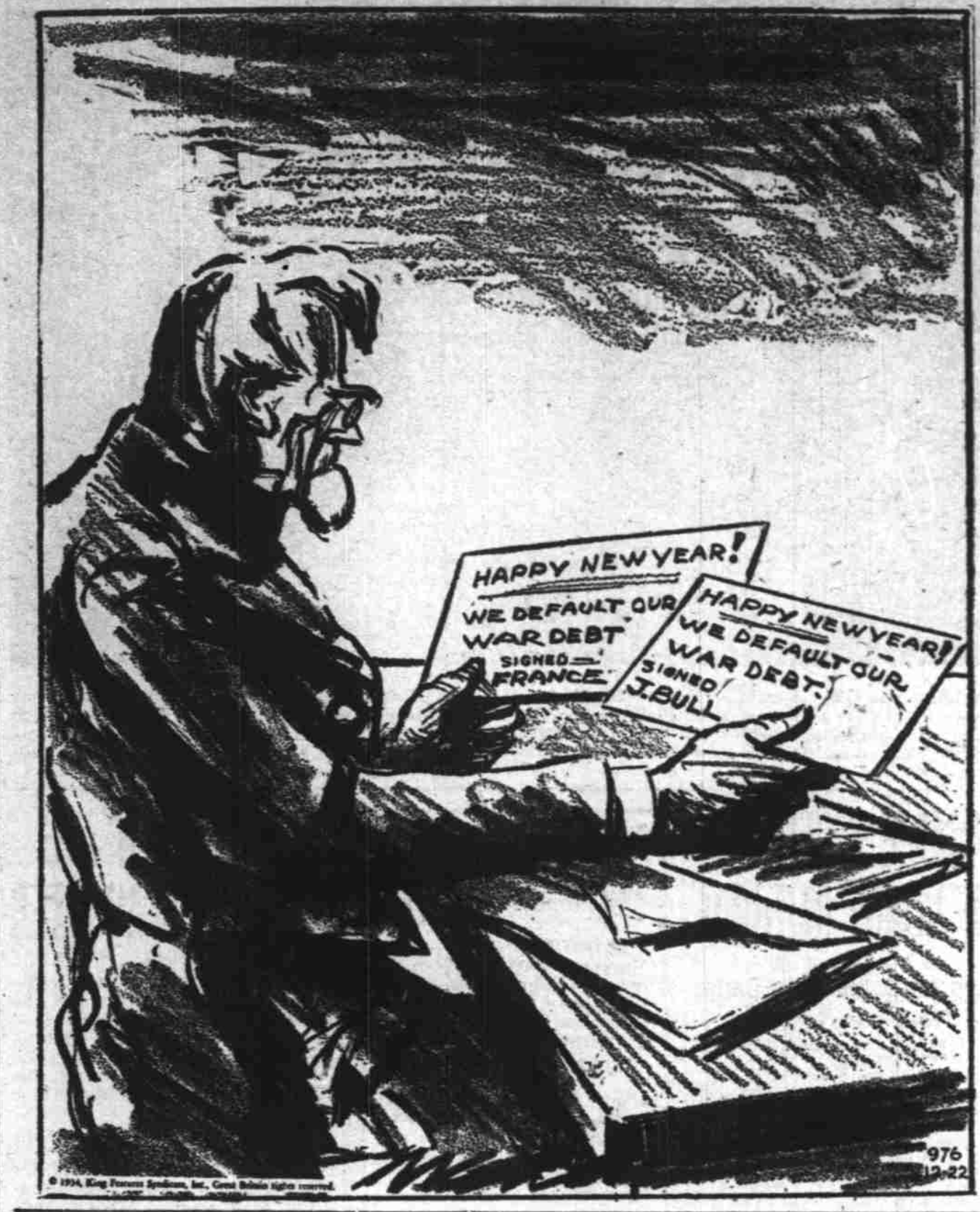
"Civilization faces death or planning," says the Eugene Register-Guard, quoting a college prof. We think the race is a lot tougher than that. We believe it will even survive the prof's "planning."

Dave Eccles' "Business Survey" at Portland looks to the revival of construction to pull the lumbermen "out of the woods." The same should put a lot of labor "into the woods."

They Long has taken over Bill Jones' job as coach of the Louisiana team. Maybe he will get the boys together in the locker rooms and describe his famous battle on Long Island.

Front page portraits on the Ogn seem to run to bald-headed men; and inside page pictures to men with handle-bar mustaches.

Same Old Greeting Cards



Health Bits for Breakfast

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

By R. J. HENDRICKS

PSORIASIS IS one of the common and stubborn disorders of the skin. For many years this disorder proved baffling to the doctors. But though the actual cause has not as yet been discovered great progress has been made in its treatment.

When we were poor but proud: breakfast spree himself with the \$2 extracted from his two recent clients.

(Concluding from yesterday.) Reading for a particular purpose led the Bits man lately to the pages of Isaac F. Morcosson's book (in collaboration with Daniel Frohman) covering the life and works of Charles Frohman, amusement dictator of two worlds.

On this coast you would know wheat-cakes as hotcakes, and a pile of them, in the words of your waiter (or more often waitress), as "a stack of hot's."

The reader will recall that Charles Frohman was one of the most prominent Americans losing their lives on the Lusitania, torpedoed by a German U boat, may 7, 1915, an event that hurried our country's entrance into the World war.

Shortly after the incident of the high stack of hotcakes, Bronson Howard's play Shenandoah came to the attention of Charles Frohman. He wanted it; proposed to buy it, or rather the right to produce it—against the protests of his intimate friends, for it had so far been a failure, and they predicted that it would turn out just another failure in his already staggering collection of failures.

The life of Charles Frohman is one coming up from the lowliest depths of struggle and poverty in an immigrant family.

This is interesting, in Frohman's great career, to readers of this column, who know that Phil Sheridan left Salem as second lieutenant, and, by a series of miracles, within three years was commanding armies in the Civil war.

It was during those early and precarious days when Frohman was still saddled with the debts of the Wallacks' tour that one of the most amusing incidents of his life happened. One morning he was served with the notice of a supplemental proceeding which had been instituted against him. He was always afraid of the courts, and he was much alarmed. He rushed across the street to the Gilsey House and consulted Henry E. Dixey, the actor, who was living there. Dixey's advice was to get a lawyer. Together they returned to the Daly's theatre building, where Frohman knew a lawyer was installed on the top floor. They found the lawyer blacking that portion of his white socks that appeared through the holes in his shoes.

It was interesting to know that Howard's "Shenandoah," though it made in the hands of Frohman a brilliant success and achieved for him a fortune was historically haywire. Only the general theme was historically true.

"Law Protein" Diet
Of greatest importance in the study of psoriasis was the discovery that diet plays an important part in its treatment. It has been found that a great many sufferers from this affliction improve when certain foods are omitted from the diet.

Sheridan in the play was made to even ride the wrong horse from Winchester to Cedar Creek and there turn the tide of battle from inglorious defeat to overwhelming victory.

Many physicians recommend the so-called "low protein" diet. All foods which are rich in protein, such as meat, fish, fowl, meat soup, eggs, liver and kidney, are omitted. Every effort is made to improve the general health. Regularity in meals, sleep and elimination should be observed.

Some day, there must be another Shenandoah, by that or another name, giving Oregon's great part in training the men in her Indian wars who led the successful armies of the Civil war and saved the Union from dissolution, to say nothing of the preceding Oregon history in which her early settlers started the movement that extended the sway of the Stars and Stripes from the summits of the Rockies to the shores of the Pacific.

Salves and ointments are of value in some cases, but avoid all medications prescribed by a physician. In many instances a soothing ointment containing small amounts of tar is helpful. It should only be applied, however, if advised by the doctor who is familiar with your case.

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Answers to Health Queries
Mrs. C. D. S. Q.—I have recently been advised by my doctor that I have shingles. What would you advise?

SUVER KIDDIES Put on Pretty Pageant
SUVER, Dec. 25.—The Suver school children put on their program at the Woodman hall Thursday night. The program was a pageant by the school, "Christmas in Germany," a play by six children; a dance, "Mistletoe," by six girls; two community songs, and several songs by the school children. John Ridders, acting as a representative for Santa Claus, gave out the presents.

A.—For full particulars restate your question and send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
A. B. Q.—Every morning I awaken with a severe headache which usually lasts for about an hour or so. This headache persists whether I eat before retiring or not. What would be apt to cause the trouble?

CARL TO CALIFORNIA
HUBBARD, Dec. 25.—Manton Carl left Saturday morning for stage for Oakland, Calif., where he will spend the holidays with his aunts, Mrs. Maude Higgins and Dr. Belle Merrill.

LEVY FAMILY VISITS
AIRLIE, Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Levy of Tillar arrived Friday for a month's visit with relatives. Mrs. Levy is recuperating from an operation.

STUDIES FOR PRIESTHOOD
SUBLIMITY, Dec. 25.—Steven Breitenstein, who is studying for the priesthood in Seattle, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Breitenstein, for the Christmas holidays.

BUILDS DOUBLE GARAGE
SHELBURN, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Etta Morris has finished building a new double garage.

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—(P)—Frank Moran, 74, retired pioneer Seattle shipbuilder who was one of the partners who built more than a score of vessels, including the battleship Nebraska in 1903, died of a heart attack yesterday at his home.

"BEACH BEAUTY" By ARTHUR SHUMWAY

CHAPTER XXXVI
Harrow turned and looked desperately toward sea, hoping to sight the Commander heading toward them, but the yacht was far away then. There was nothing ahead then but disaster and the slim chance that all of them could reach shore in their lifebelts. It was not far now, perhaps a mile, perhaps less, but with the storm gusts this was a distance. And Ida was exhausted from her fright and her nausea.

On the morning the Commander III left the city docks Pete Ryan sat nearby in the club billiard room watching. He saw Harrow and Spike Winch and Ida Campbell and her brother arrive and the chauffeur leave with their car, but he did not see Kay. He was stationed down at the inlet to play her part in this dangerous publicity hoax.

Editorial Comment
From Other Papers
It is doubtful if in all the history of the so-called civilization a mere fantastic scheme for bettering a nation's material condition ever was devised than the "Townsend plan." What Townsend would have us do is to convert a group of citizens into complete loafers and then give it 24 billions a year of our money—almost half the national income—without instructions to go out into the marts of trade and spend us into prosperity. We are to get hold of this spending money by increasing our living costs 10 per cent. It seems incredible that anyone with economic or financial sense enough to guide him in such a cover out of the way would fall for this absurdity; yet millions of people have signed petitions for it. Virtually every one of these signers is a product of an educational system which we fondly call one of the grandest conceptions of the human mind and on which we are now spending about a third of our income.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

NOT ON PENSION
Turner, Ore.
To The Oregon Statesman
We noticed in your paper of the 19th an article in regard to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pardee being the lucky ones and the first choice to obtain a home in the Davis estate near Turner. Now, it is true, we did sign a contract to this effect but after we came to the investigation we were compelled to decline this proposition for many reasons better known to ourselves. We also noticed in the article printed that Mr. Pardee was the recipient of a small pension which is also an error, as Mr. Pardee has never made application for a pension in this county or any other state as the records will show.

Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pardee,
Turner, Oregon.

P. T. A. Gathers for Holiday Time; Varied Program is Enjoyed

MISSION BOTTOM, Dec. 25.—The Parent-Teacher association's Christmas meeting was held at the schoolhouse Friday night. The following program was enjoyed: Piano solo, Duane Felton; recitation, Theodore Jelderks; songs by the school; recitation, Dorothy Townsend; music, Violet June Pardee; song, Mrs. Rose Cole; playlet, Cora Parks and Betty Viscio; recitation, Ruth Townsend; songs by the school; piano solo, Velle Felton; recitation, Evans Jones; piano solo, Betty Viscio; recitation, Charlotte Martin; playlet, school children.

Pioneer Builder Of Ships Called