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CONCERNING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

THERE is a brotherly significance to Christmas that is totally lacking on any other holiday occasion. There is a warmth in the Christmas hand clasp and a heartiness in the Christmas greeting that stays by a fellow. Something that sends his shoulders back and his head up, and makes him glad to be merely alive and a principal in the expression of good will.

Though few trouble themselves to define it, it remains an absolutely new, novel and altogether happy sensation. It has been called the Christmas Spirit. It might, without any signal detriment to human happiness, remain with us the year 'round—which it does not.

It irons out the creases of a frown, it adds new wrinkles to the corners of a merry eye, it graces a flat voice with unguessed timbre, it lends melody to the plainest speech. It sends the miser to his strong-box and the widow to her pennies. Certain widows may do better than that, but as a general average it sends them to the rag ends of the weekly wash income.

It is the necromancer of pink carpet slippers, hand worked bureau scarfs, striped candy, and all-pervading happiness.

There is but one lone struggling fly in the rare ointment of Christmas content—it is too good to last. That the fellowship of Christmas week should endure throughout the calendar of the year is asking too much of the brotherhood. Each one who lays down the burden of envy, malice and greed for the nonce, must take it up again—until another Yuletide. It is a sorry old world or a glad, as you choose to take it, but in any case it is the better for Christmas.

Theist and athiest, sinner and saint, humanity all, are debtors to its institution; to the lesson it teaches and to the smattering that remains with us. We will make the most of it.

Merry Christmas!

UNKINDNESS.

As "unkindness has no remedy at law," let its avoidance be with you a point of honor.—Hosea Ballou.

Unkind language is sure to produce the fruits of unkindness—that is, suffering in the bosom of others.—Bentham.

Unkindness may do much, And his unkindness may defeat my life, But never taunt my love.

—Shakespeare.

In nature there's no blemish but the mind.

None can be call'd deform'd but the unkind.

—Shakespeare.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 78c; bluestem, 82c; red Russian, 76c.
Oats—\$26 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.
Butter—Creamery, 37c.
Eggs—Candled, 37c.
Hops—1912 crop, 20c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18c; Willamette valley, 22½c.
Mohair—32c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 82c; club, 78c; red Russian, 77c.
Eggs—35c.
Butter—Creamery, 36c.
Hay—Timothy, \$19 per ton; alfalfa, \$12 per ton.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Arrangements are being made to establish a tile factory in Albany.

Dr. Norris, city health officer of Oregon City, says there are probably 70 cases of typhoid fever in the city at the present time.

The Indian appropriation bill carries a total of \$233,763 for the Indians of Oregon. For the Chemawa school \$111,000 is appropriated.

H. H. Mack of Huntington, druggist and postmaster, has pleaded guilty to the charge of furnishing cocaine to prisoners in a convict camp.

The good weather that continued through October and November has enabled the farmers to get their fall grain in and a large acreage has been sown.

Corporal Godfrey, of the 160th company, coast artillery, is dead at Fort Stevens as the result of an accident sustained while working on a ten-inch rifle.

Box manufacturers of the Pacific northwest assembled in Portland this week for the annual meeting of the Northwest Box Manufacturers' Association.

Fruit shipments from Medford for 1912 will reach 775 cars, against 534 for 1910, the previous high year. There were 344 cars of pears, 436 of apples, and 10 mixed.

More than 200 members of the United Artisans from the central part of the Willamette valley attended a big district convention of that order held in Albany Tuesday.

Robert Morgan, who murdered Virgie Hart, his sweetheart, at Condon on October 16, has been sentenced by Judge Parker to be hanged at Salem on January 16, 1913.

When the next legislature convenes it will be asked to appropriate in the neighborhood of \$135,000 for the completion of the new additional capitol building and for remodeling the main building.

Henry Monroe Brown, prominent in the commercial and political life of Polk county, is dead at his residence in Dallas. Mr. Brown died in the same house in which he was born more than 53 years ago.

The lectures and demonstrations of farmers' week at Oregon Agricultural college closed Saturday at noon with a demonstration of "farm butter making" given by O. G. Simpson, of the department of dairy husbandry.

The body of a man believed to be Christ Bethleffen was found on the river bank near Salem with a bullet hole through the heart. A 32-caliber revolver clutched in the right hand showed it to be a case of suicide.

The complete results of the agricultural census for Oregon with reference to crops are presented in a bulletin soon to be issued by Director Durand, of the Bureau of the Census department of commerce and labor.

Favorable action on a petition for a permit to build a bridge for the Willamette Pacific railway across Coos Bay is being urged by the Port of Coos Bay, and also the commercial bodies of Marshfield, Eugene and North Bend.

Although women have been granted the right of suffrage in Oregon, the attorney general's office at Salem has ruled that they are not competent to serve on juries, the statute providing that only "male inhabitants" are eligible to jury duties.

R. E. Fitzwater, who paid \$180 an acre for 31 acres of land near Lebanon, in the foothills, has gathered 6500 bushels of potatoes from 21 acres of the land. At 50 cents a bushel, the potatoes will return almost the purchase price of the land.

The 1913 Oregon legislature will be asked to appropriate \$100,000 for purposes of protection for Oregon forests for the ensuing two years. A like amount was asked of the 1911 legislature. The amount appropriated at that time was only \$60,000, or \$30,000 per year.

Estimates prepared by the governing board of the Monmouth normal school indicate that an additional appropriation of \$15,000 will be necessary to equip and complete the new dormitory. The last legislature appropriated \$50,000 for this building, and all has been spent on construction work.

As the result of requests arrangements will be made for lectures upon athletics, with particular reference to the international contest at Stockholm last summer, by Bill Hayward, trainer of athletes at the university of Oregon, before the students in several high schools of the state. These will occur early in the spring.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Oregon state teachers' association, western division, including those of the rural school supervisors and county superintendents' department, the college and normal school department, department of secondary education, department of industrial education, department of city superintendents and the department of music, will be held in Portland December 26, 27 and 28.

Merry Christmas!

WE DESIRE to thank our friends and customers for the many favors extended us during the Year of 1912, and earnestly hope that our business relations for the coming Year of 1913 will be equally as pleasant.

To assure you of our appreciation we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Lance & Company GOLD HILL OREGON

Our Big Annual Sale will be Early in January

Jacob Kamm, pioneer steamboatman, died at his home in Portland at the age of 89.

A meeting of the people of Polk county and school officers was held in Dallas Saturday.

The first woman in Oregon to serve on an election board was Miss Cassie H. Thompson of Albany, who acted as clerk of the board in the first ward at the city election.

Crook county secured the Northern Pacific railway's silver cup for the best display of forage plants exhibited at the recent Northwestern Land Products show at Minneapolis.

Mrs. Clara B. Colby of Portland is in Washington in the interests of a bill before congress granting women in every state in the union permission to vote in congressional elections.

Following a cut in wages from \$2.50 for a 10-hour day to \$2 for a nine-hour day, the men employed in the construction department of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway, struck.

Albany's fourth annual chautauqua assembly will continue two full weeks instead of ten days, which was the length of the first three assemblies. July 7 to 21, inclusive, have been fixed as the dates.

Solomon Rader, 85 years old, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1850, died in Medford. Mr. Rader was in the government service in the Rogue River Indian war of 1853 and the Modoc war of 1856.

A 3800-acre game refuge has been created on the Wade and Fitzpatrick ranches near Lostine, Wallowa county. Notices informing all of the provisions of the law have been posted by W. E. Leffel, deputy game warden.

Representative Lafferty was the only Oregon member present at the opening of congress. Bourne is ill at Del Monte, Cal.; Chamberlain is on an investigating committee at Sawtelle, and Hawley arrived later in the week.

Governor West granted conditional pardons to Albert Green, Ben Hinton, Emmet and Earl Shields, sentenced to life from Grant county for the murder of Oliver Snider in 1909. The men had served but little over two years.

The state equalization board, which is now in session, probably will have a number of hearings coming up during the next few weeks. The state levy will be determined by the state board of tax commissioners January 2.

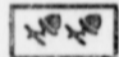
Mrs. Kate Newton, the first woman candidate to run for mayor in Oregon, was swamped by the Oregon City voters, only receiving 173 votes to 1009 cast for Linn L. Jones. The women who voted numbered 406 out of a registration of 500.

Tracklaying has begun in earnest beyond milepost 22 on the Oregon Eastern out of Vale, and will be vigorously prosecuted with a crew of 550 men until the mouth of the 2600-foot tunnel is reached at milepost 33 which should be about Christmas.

Mrs. George P. Putnam, of Bend, whose husband was running for mayor of that city, made a record trip from Sound Beach, Conn., where she was visiting, to Bend, in order that she might exercise her newly acquired political right. Mr. Putnam was elected.

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