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ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

The icy blast o'er frozen fields
May fling a winding sheet,
The moaning winds from frigid climes
May form a rain of sleet,
But busy throngs still hurry on
From shopping loath to leave
Where brilliant scenes—inspiring sounds
Proclaim 'tis Christmas Eve.

'Tis Christmas Eve and on the streets
Are joyous faces bright,
The shoppers gay in jolly crowds
With hearts and purses light,
Pass by with greetings of good cheer—
'Tis joy to be on Whitehall street
This day of all the year.

What care we for the wintry blast,
Or fleecy flakes of snow—
I'd rather be on Whitehall street
Than any place I know!
To mingle in the multitude
Among the last to leave—
'Tis lots of fun to be up town
On Whitehall, Christmas Eve.
—Margaret Scott Hall.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

In the January number of the Pacific Monthly, which by the way, is the leading magazine of the west, this paper has a feeling of pride because of the fact that four men who were formerly identified with the East Oregonian figure conspicuously in that number. They are Fred Lockley, John E. Lathrop, Randall R. Howard and C. E. Fisher.

As most local people know, Mr. Lockley, who was formerly a stockholder in the East Oregonian and served as circulation manager of the paper, is now the manager of the Pacific Monthly. He has one of the most desirable and best paying positions of its kind on the coast and his vigorous work is doing much to make the magazine the success it is.

John E. Lathrop, who for many years was city editor of this paper, is now a special correspondent at Washington, D. C., and has become one of the ablest and best known of the western writers at the capital. He is writing a series of articles for the Pacific Monthly and the one for January is upon the subject "The West and the National Capital." In the article Mr. Lathrop treats of political and economic subjects that are of especial interest to western people.

Randall R. Howard, who formerly served as telegraph editor of the East Oregonian, leaving here slightly over a year ago, edits the development news for the Pacific Monthly and in the January number he has a special story telling of "The Present and Future of Eastern Oregon." Mr. Howard is now engaging in magazine writing exclusively and during the past year many articles by him have appeared in such magazines as "The World's Work," "McClure's," "The Technical World" and other eastern publications. His stories all treat of industrial or economic subjects.

Mr. Fisher was also formerly telegraph editor for this paper. He is a brother-in-law of the Rev. W. L. Van Nuys and came from Indiana to accept a position in Pendleton. During the past few years he has been the designer on the Pacific Monthly. It is a position that commands a good salary and Mr. Fisher is filling it with much credit.

Naturally the East Oregonian looks with satisfaction on the success with which these men are meeting in the higher fields where they are now engaged. These men received much of their journalistic training here and surely it is creditable to the East Oregonian that such men were once upon its staff.

Nor are these four men the only East Oregonian men who have made good. There are others who have been with this paper in its various departments during its long existence and are now meeting with equal and even greater success. To enumerate

all who deserve mention upon this score would take too long. But in all these men and women the East Oregonian feels an interest and justly so. The success of this paper is due largely to the brains, the energy and the loyalty of those who served it in days that are gone.

For those who have been with this paper in the past, no matter in what capacities, the East Oregonian hopes the fullest measure of success and to those men and women and to all the readers and patrons of this paper the East Oregonian extends this yuletide greeting.

"Merry Christmas, may you all live long and prosper."

MONEY ON THE "MULE."

Discussing the present political outlook in a story in the Pacific Monthly John E. Lathrop makes the following interesting observation with reference to the present attitude of Wall street towards the democratic party:

"It is possible today to write plainly that the financial interests centered in Wall Street have turned to the democratic party and hope to capture it for the 1912 campaign. The money of 'the interests' has been poured in the late elections to elect democratic candidates in the East. None who boasts even moderate information now questions the accuracy of that assertion. In Ohio, Judson Harmon's campaign was supplied with funds without stint; in New York, John A. Dix, nominated by Charles Murphy, boss of Tammany Hall, was supported by all the power of 'the Street'; in New Jersey, Woodrow Wilson had assistance from the same strongboxes; in Indiana, John Kern in his fight against Senator Beveridge needed only to ask for campaign funds to get them in plentitude. It was the same wherever in the East democrats went to the electorate.

"The story related last month in this department—that J. P. Morgan early last summer issued orders to his subordinates in banking and industry to support Harmon—proved to have been true; but it was likewise true that he gave orders to support other democratic nominees, and that Wilson and Dix and Kern were on his list of favored seekers for political honors. Western followers of Thomas Jefferson may as well face the truth—the cards have been stacked against the popular rule in the democratic party; for, unless signs are misleading, the current is running strongly towards the Morgan control of that party."

How is such friendship as this going to affect the mule?

Pendleton is the natural location for the branch asylum for we have the best of the case with respects to transportation, climate, altitude and other considerations. People who should be well informed say we will get the new institution. If so it will be a very acceptable Christmas present for \$200,000 will be expended here at once and naturally the existence of a big institution like this will mean much to the city in the future. But of course it is yet too early to say "Thank You."

Three new rural phone lines will help out some.

Tonight's the big night for the Christmas shopping.

Santa Claus will surely like our weather.

Merry Christmas.

AN AMERICAN DYNASTY.

Frank J. Cannon, formerly United States senator from Utah, reveals in the first of a series of articles in Everybody's for December the true political situation in Utah. The editor's note which precedes the first article says:

"It is the story of the establishment of an absolute throne and dynasty by one American citizen over half a million others.

and it is the story of the absolute rule of this one man, Joseph F. Smith, the Mormon prophet, a religious fanatic of small and bitter mind, giving commandments of perjury as the divinely ordained 'mouthpiece of the Lord'—demanding unquestioning obedience in all things, and enforcing the demand by his religious, political and financial control of the faith the votes, and the property of his fellow citizens—living, like the Grand Turk, with five wives, openly, against the temporal laws of the state, against the spiritual laws of his 'Kingdom of God,' and in violation of his own solemn covenant to the country—secretly preaching a proscribed doctrine of polygamy as 'necessary to salvation,' but publicly denying this teaching so that he may escape responsibility for the sufferings of the 'plurial wives' and unfortunate children, who have been betrayed by the authority of his dogma—and, through it all, protected from the anger of civilization by his political and financial partnership with the great 'business interests' that govern and exploit this nation, and his 'Kingdom,' for their own gain and his."

Randall—How did she cure her daughter of that disagreeable habit of crossing her knees?
Rogers—Bought her a hobble skirt.—New York Times.

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"THOU HAST THY MUSIC, TOO."
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(We hear a great deal of the spring poet, but where is the poet of autumn?)—Weekly Paper.
In the days when I nursed a desire to have my poetical fling, I would lip with the help of my lyre Of the deeds that are done in the spring.
Then I sang of the skies and their glories,
Till I saw I had sung them enough, So I strummed a few strains to Dolores,
And similar stuff.

How I joyed in my jests and my rhythms!
How I varied the vim of my verse!
And I said I shall make money with 'em,
And the press shall replenish my purse.
With a fire after fame in my bosom,
I invited some papers to bid
For the right to retain 'em and use 'em;
But nobody did.

Then I turned my attention to summer,
And sang of the wine that is red,
Of the honey that comes from the hummer,
And whatever came into my head,
And I sang of the seas that are sunny;
But although I had gotten the knack
Of writing of rhymes that are funny,
They always came back.

Yet I cannot construe my reflections
As a hint to my manifold muse
To refrain from those soulful selections
Of songs that I love to let loose.
And if autumn's in need of a poet
To laugh on the lyre or to sob
(Though I needn't say "if" for I know it),
I'm on for the job.
—London Truth.

THE TILT OF HIS CIGAR.

You can fathom a man by the cut of his jib,
By his actions, his bluff and his talk;
You can tell him quite well by his ebb and his swell,
You can judge him somewhat by his walk.

There are numerous ways you can judge a man,
But I think that the best way by far
To get a right line and gauge him down fine
Is by the tilt of his long cigar.

When the cigar points down the spirals are down,
The drooping is plain to be seen;
When it points straight out he is flound'ring about
And isn't quite certain, I ween.

But there's no mistaking his innermost soul
When it points to some overhead star;
You can easily tell that his life is "all well"
By the tilt of his long cigar.
—Boston Herald.

Two Dilemmas.
"I want to see you a minute," says the lady at the bottom of the stairs, "but this hobble skirt is so tight I can't climb the stairs. You come out, won't you?"
"I would if I could, but this new hat of mine is too wide to go through the doorway," sighs the one on the inside.—Life.

Innocence always looks at vice through a magnifying glass.

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