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THE GOOD OLD TIMES.

Good times? What times? These are ours. Borne with through days and nights, sun and gloom and showers; Old times have left to us all they had to give; Those times we dream about; these times we live!

ON THE UPGRADE.

Pendleton enjoyed a merry Christmas indeed this time. "Christmas business was good this year, better than last year and in many respects better than ever before." This is the way the merchants talk and the merchandise business is the best index to the prosperity of any city.

WE ARE THERE TOO.

Yakima people are boasting of an irrigation project "made in Yakima." It is a pumping project and the pump that is used was invented by a Yakima man and it was made in North Yakima. So was the cement pipe used to convey the water to the land.

old Umatilla. Down on the Umatilla project cement pipe, made at Hermiton is in use. No pumping plant is needed but water is secured from a reservoir, made in Umatilla county, and that reservoir does away with the expense of pumping.

MORE FORTUNATE HERE.

That the railroad service in the south is not up to the standard that prevails in the progressive west is indicated by the following paragraph from the Atlanta Constitution:

"Because he could not reach a depot agent in time to exchange his mileage for a ticket, a commercial traveler was the other day ejected from a train near Macon.

"The interesting feature is that this instance parallels identically the case in North Carolina upon which a commercial traveler sued the carrier and secured a verdict confirming damages from the supreme court.

"The railroads in this part of the country require that owners of mileage books exchange mileage for tickets before boarding trains. Other railroads in other parts of the country see no necessity for a fool regulation of this kind—but that's another question.

"In the case cited from Macon, the drummer sought to comply with the rule, but so great was the crowd at the window that the agent did not, according to witnesses, succeed in getting to the drummer before the arrival of the train.

THIS IS THE PLACE.

While easterners shivered with the cold of midwinter yesterday Pendleton people were able to enjoy a Christmas out of doors. The warm, bright sunshine during the day gave the holiday more the appearance of easter than of Christmas. No need to huddle over fires or growl because furnace fires burned low. Autoing and driving were in order instead and overcoats would have been a needless incumbrance.

If Santa Claus is a man of any discernment he knows where God's country is.

The three R's will receive very close attention henceforth say the county school superintendents. That is alright, but it is a poor time to mention such a subject. Why not let the small boy enjoy the holidays in peace?

By having the crosswalks cleaned the city officials have conferred a blessing indeed upon the walking public. Here's to the good work. Keep it going.

Possibly those big apples that were raised on the Oliver place made a hit with the governor and his party.

Now for the New Year's resolutions.

A DEADLY PARALLEL.

Business is government. The management of a private business corresponds exactly to the administration of the public business of a city, state or nation. The parallel is perfect even as to forms. Small businesses are little monarchies; as all primitive states were and as some states are today. The head of a little shop or of a small, competing factory is the absolute ruler of his private business. And public business used to be called the king's business; and it was his. Even the people were his, his subjects. They had nothing to say about the public business; they had no more representation in the government than the depositors of a bank have in their bank. And that seemed natural and right to kings and people once. But so many kings abused their power that the management of public business passed gradually out of the monarchial stage into the republican form and we see the beginnings of democracy in politics. And that's where business management seems to be going.—Lincoln Steffens in Everybody's for December.

HE WON.

Ex Governor Bob Taylor of Tennessee, was once entertaining a northern guest, who was rather skeptical about the prevailing dialect in stories of southern negroes. He thought it overdrawn. To disprove the contention, Mr. Taylor laughingly made a wager with his guest that the northerner would be unable to interpret the language of the first negro they met. Accordingly, they set out and presently came upon a black man basking indolently in the sun. Telling his friend to pay close heed, Mr. Taylor stepped up to the negro and demanded suddenly: "Wh he?" "The negro blinked his eyes stolidly and then answered in a guttural voice: "Wh who?"—"Everybody's for December.

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Joe Struthers made a stern resolve that he was going to be "Forbearin' an' good-natured evermore."

It was somethin' truly fearful to behold his blazin' eye.

We longed to hear him speak. We were afraid that by an' by he'd simply sit an' choke himself to death.

We wished he would say somethin', even if it was profane.

He'll go right back to talkin' an' to cussin' once again.

For his silence is more awful than his voice!

THE LIMIT.

Jesting about railroads of the south is rather an overworked profession.

"Speaking of railroads," he says, "the ultimate word, in my experience, was a 'limited' on which I traveled in Georgia last summer.

"He stopped turning the crank and spoke with an expression of deep disgust.

"It don't seem to be no use," he said. "Hold your head still, please. I want to get a time exposure."

Everybody's for December.

NEWSPAPERS.

That few merchants and corporations realize the full value of adequate and systematic use of newspapers in advertising their business was asserted by Ben S. Jacobs, advertising manager for Conrad & Co., who addressed the Pilgrim Publicity asso-

TROPICAL INVESTMENTS.

"All successful men are cautious," Weeks declared. "But if he knew the wonderful opportunities this country presents—"

"That's fierce," Kirk acknowledged.

"What are they good for?" "Eating!" People make cakes out of them, and oil and candy. Good coconut land can be bought for fifty cents an acre, selected seeds for five cents each; labor is sixty cents a day.

"No! No! The coconuts."

"But that's nothing. Do you realize that this soil will raise sugar-cane the size of your—of my—thigh, and once you plant it you can't keep it out?"

"You can buy sugar cane land for a dollar an acre; it costs—"

"I'm no good at figures, Mr. Weeks."

"And rubber! There's the chance for a man with capital. Rubber?"

"I will—I mean, is that so?" "Ever see any rubber trees?"

"Only in Brooklyn."—"From 'The N'er-Do-Well,' by Rex Beach, in Everybody's for December.

AT ANY COST.

Jane—I've something on me mind, 'Arry, that I hardly knows 'ow to tell yer.

'Arry—Aht wiv it.

Jane—I'm afraid yet won't marry me if I tells yer.

'Arry—Aht wiv it.

Jane—L'm a somnambulist, 'Arry. 'Arry after a prolonged pause—Never mind, Jane; it'll be all right. If there ain't no chapel for it we will be married at a registry.—Punch.

He hurts the good who spares the bad.—French.

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