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THE GOOD OLD TIMES.

times? What times? • tion. These are ours, Borne with through days and .

Old times have left to us all . they had to give; Those times we dream about; . these times we live!

Here is the struggle now, close . Here is the man who strives, • man we know.

into the night: This is the day to me, working . in the light. Dear as was yesterday, though

its memories shine, That was another day-this day . is mine!

in its degree, . But these are the wonder-days. the times made for me! Shaping the days to come by . their toll and strife, Those time for dream and hope . -these times for life. -Marion Couthouy Smith, in St. .

...... ON THE UPGRADE.

Pendleton enjoyed a merry Christhas indeed this time. "Christmas overcoats would have been a needless business was good this year, better than last year and in many respects way the merchants talk and the mer- country is. chandlee business is the best index to the prosperity of any city.

Nor is it surprising that the holitilla county ever enjoyed prosperity it right, but it is a poor time to mention day business has been good. If Umait enjoying it now. Last years crop was a good one and the splendid rainfall so far this year and the fine growing weather indicates a bumper crop next summer.

Then strictly local conditions, too, are satisfactory. Pendleton is upon a sound basis and the trend is upward. The liquor question-which has been a source of bitter strife in the pasthas at last been settled upon a safe and sane basis. We will have a licensed saloon system, yet the business will be conducted under restrictions that should insure peace and promote temperance rather than drunkeness and disorder. There will be an end to the "mail order" liquor business January 1, and from the business that ponds exactly to the administration of will be transacted here the city will derive a revenue that will materially aid in providing needed civic improvethe tax levy.

During the past six months Pendleton has derived much benefit from lic business used to be called the the improvement work carried on by king's business; andit was his. Even the O. R. & N. company. Upon the line changes between Yoakum and this city the railroad company has expended almost a million dollars. From depositors of a bank have in their that work the people here have derived much business for this place has right to kings and people once. But been the headquarters and the trad-

Other factors too have contributed to the present satisfactory state of af- and we see the beginnings of demofairs. The people voted down the a decisive end to trouble from that for December. score. At the same time they endorsed the appropriation for the eastern Oregon asylum and prospects are bright that Pendleton will land that institution

Surely Pendleton had good reason to rejoice this year. May Santa Claus find the city larger and still more prosperous when he comes again.

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, But then Yakima is not ahead of cember.

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

Who is ahead?

MORE FORTUNATE HERE.

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

or agent in time to exchange his mile. age 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 ir North Carolina upon which a commercial traveler sued the carrier and ecured a verdict confirming damagat 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 ques-

"In the case cited from Macon, the nights, sun and gloom and . 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 get-. ting to the drummer before the arriv-· al of the train.

"When the train auditor demanded Strike out for truth and right . a ticket, the drummer explained the what can you do more! • circumstances and proffered his mileage book. The tender was refused, spent with many a blow; • and over his protest he was ejected from the train."

Out in the west people have com-Old times, good times, passed . plaints regarding the railroad service too at times. But it is to the credit of the western roads that they have no such rules as this in vogue, Mile-· age books are always good on western roads. Our main complaint is that trains are late-but then of course Good times? All times! Each . that is the fault of people farther east,

THIS IS THE PLACE.

While easterners shivered with the old of midwinter yesterday Pendlefurnace fires burned low. Autoing and driving were in order instead and neumbrance:

If Santa Claus is a man of any disbetter than ever before." This is the cernment he knows where God's

> The three R's will receive very close ttention henceforth say the count school superintendents. That is alsuch 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

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 resolu-

A DEADLY PARALLEL.

Business is government. The management of a private business corresthe 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 ments and will incidentally keep down were and as some states are today. The head of a little shop or of a small, competing factory is the absolute rul- the floor, er of his private business. And pubthe people were his, his subjects. They had nothing to say about the public business; they had no more representation in the government than the bank. And that seemed natural and so many kings abused their power that the management of public business passed gradually out of the monarchical stage into the republican form cracy in polices. And that's where business management seems to be gocounty division bill and thereby put ing .- Lincoln Steffens in Everybody's

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. Tayfor stepped up to the negro and demanded suddenly:

The negro blinked his eyes stolidly and then answered in a guttural voice:

"Weh he?"

"Wah who "-Everybody's for De-

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Joe Struthers made a stern resolve that he was goin' to be Forbearin' an' good-natured ever-

He kep' his word punctilious. When the argument grew hot And everybody shouted with a will He sat in utter silence. He was rooted to the spot A-lookin' like a statue with a chill.

was somethin' truly fearful to be hold his blazin' eye, An' see ol' Joe a-holdin' of his

breath, We longed to hear him speak. We were afraid that by an' by He'd simply sit an" choke himself

to death. wished he would say somethin' even if it was profane. if he'll listen to our solemn

choice. He'll go right back to talkin' an' to cussin' once again, his silence is more awful than

his voice!

THE LIMIT.

Jesting about railways of the south s rather an overworked profession. Before mason-jarring the crop, however, let Senator Burton of Ohlo, have

"Speaking of railroads," he says, the ultimate word, in my experience, was a 'limited' on which I traveled in Georgia last summer. At a point where we were making our greatest speed a man stood at the side of the track with a moving picture machine I leaned out of the window and called to him, 'How are you getting on? "He stopped turning the crank and

poke with an expression of deep dis-"'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 corporaons 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-

ciation on "Advertising" at the Boston City club.

"Advertising," said Mr. Jacobs, "is vice, etc. Advertising is not an ex- gerously, and said with His angry passions risin' at the pense, but an investment and the up

> It is the most powerful agent the fruit. of public opinion in the community and the broadest carrier of your own talk about your store. Papers should in the world right here. But the decater to the advertisers, and the mer- mand is increasing so rapidly that in chants should co-operate with the paper to the mutual advantage of both. do what it can. A city ought to have civic pride in a clean newspaper with modern type, neatly printed, and if pay much better. Get in touch with the newspaper man. He is generally cents an acre, selected seeds for five a mighty decent sort of fellow, and gether for mutual profit."-Selected.

NATIONAL SHORTSIGHTEDNESS.

"In this country," said the sociologist, "everything possible is done o discourage people from marrying." "How so?" inquired one of the lis-

"You have to buy the marriage license, fee the preacher, the boys give ou what they call a 'shivaree,' your friends throw old shoes at you the newspapers print caricatures of you, life insurance agents hound you, you hump right up against the cost of living, and if you find you've made a mistake you have to go to no end of trouble to get a divorce."-Chicago Tribune.

The Easiest Way.

Down in Bermuda Mark Twain of little girls. The speech was great, tell yer, The only trouble was that the little girls could not appreciate it. It flew over their heads. This was the humorist's conclusion:

"Never warm a serpent in your bos-It is far easier to warm it by placing it under the pillow of an intimate friend."

The riddle of the sphinx may be unfathomable, but anybody can understand the coal riddle at a glance.

TROPICAL INVESTMENTS.

"All successful men are cautious," salesmanship, but it goes further and Weeks declared. "But if he knew the reaches out more broadly. Appear- wonderful opportunities this country ance of stores is advertising treat- presents-" The speaker leaned for-He said that after this no one was ment accorded customers, store ser--ward, while his chair creaked dan-"My dear sir, do you realize to date merchant sets aside a fixed that a coco-palm after it is seven per cent for advertising of various years old drops a nut worth five cents every day in the year and requires "A local paper ought to be encour- no care whatever except to gather

> "Fact. And we grow the best ones ten years there will be a famine. Think of it-a famine of coconuts!" Mr. The newspaper is usually willing to Weeks paused to lend dramatic effect. "That's flerce," Kirk acknowledged. "What are they good for?"

> "Enting! People make cakes out this is so the advertisements generally of them, and oil and candy. Good cocoanut land can be bought for fifty cents each; labor is sixty cents a day. he and you should be in business to- No frosts, no worms, no bugs. You sit still and they drop in your lap."

The bugs?" "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 cut 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 Ne'er-Do-Well," by Rex Beach, in Everybody's for December.

AT ANY COST.

Jane-I've something on me mind, nade a speech about snakes to a group 'Array, that I hardly knows 'ow t '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.

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