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ALMOST CHRISTMAS.
I.
Mighty slow the time's been
goin' to them little fel-
lers sweet;
Never need to tell the hours—
know 'em by the heart's
glad beat!
Every year a mornin' story to
the little ones is told;
Only chimney-corner people
think o' Christmas gray
an' old.
II.
When it's gettin' long to Christ-
mas—then old Winter
smiles like May;
Never sign-marks where you
travel, for the whole
world knows the way.
Know it—though you never lis-
ten to the bells in merry
chime,
For the child-heart still seems
sayin': "It is always
Christmas Time!"
—F. L. Stanton.

That there will be a dearth of
teachers in Oregon next year is pre-
dicted by State Su-
perintendent Church-
ill. He states that
Oregon needs 1600
new teachers each year and the present
list of teachers is unable to supply one
tenth that number. At the same time
we are trying to raise our standard so
as to bar from teaching all who have
not had normal instruction of some
kind.
It is a serious problem that con-
fronts the state. It is a problem that
goes to the very root of our school
system. We spend millions of dollars
on our public schools and yet fail to
provide anything like a sufficient
number of trained teachers. It is as
though we built mammoth locomotives
and failed to provide the engineers
to operate them properly.

Mr. Herrick of Ohio is being much
discussed all over the county as tim-
ber for the republican
Our heroes nomination for presi-
dent, the boom being
based on his "heroic
work" as late ambassador to France.
It is possible Mr. Herrick may be of
presidential calibre. That he is a
man of some capacity is indicated by
the fact he is very rich, was governor
of Ohio and became ambassador to
France. But why his service in
France should be so exalted is beyond
understanding. The chief thing he
did was to aid American tourists cash
checks or in some other manner
secure coin with which to return home-
ward. It was useful work but in-
volved no great valor that could be
noticed. Paris was never under at-
tack while Herrick was there. In fact
he was relieved by the newly ap-
pointed democratic ambassador before
the war had really gotten warmed up
and all he had to do was come home.
The democrat is still on the job and
he may even have to brush his own
overcoat and his wife may have to
cook the flap jacks because house-
hold help is scarce in Paris these
days. If it is a heroic thing to be
ambassador to France at \$17,500 per
annum and come home on a steam-
boat why overlook the new ambassa-
dor—whatever his name may be?
Having relieved Mr. Herrick of his
"perilous" job is he not the guinea, so
to speak, who is really entitled to
most of the glory? Why tunc up
so strong for the man who is suc-
ceeded and blow no horns for the res-
cuer?

A SAFE ALLY OF HEALTH
When you feel poorly—have no appetite—digestion is bad—liver and bowels inactive, try
HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters
It is a valuable aid to Nature in overcoming all stomach ills.
IT HELPS NATURE PROMOTE HEALTH.

Having gained the five per cent advance in freight rates from the interstate commerce commission the railroads are now striving to boost their charge for carrying mail. They do not claim that this should be done because of the war but on account of the parcels post. In other words they think the rate should be increased because the business has become much better than formerly. It is said that there were 899,000,000 parcels post packages carried during the last year and this convinces most all the railroad serving newspapers that the rates should be increased. Yet the government's business is less bulky than it was because in former days all mail matter consisted of newspapers or letters whereas merchandise is now commonly sent through the mail and merchandise is generally heavier in proportion to space occupied, than newspapers or letters. Therefore the transportation of mail should be more profitable for the railroads than formerly. If they can get their rates advanced on account of the parcels post there will be some hope for that old story about the moon being made of green cheese.

The Latin-American republic, through their representatives recently at Washington, took the Rights what bids fair to be a Of Neutrals, far-reaching step in international history, when they insisted on the rights of neutrals as against the rights of belligerents.
The action grew, of course, out of the energy displayed by the war vessels of European nations in Latin-American waters during the past few weeks. The countries to the south of us have been sorely embarrassed and perplexed by the problems presented of preserving their neutrality and at the same time not offending powers with the ability to exact drastic reprisals. Men-of-war of England, Germany and France have cruised and battled up and down both ocean coasts, and they have not always been scrupulous to observe technicalities in the regulations as to coaling, provisioning, handling of contraband, etc. The natural result was a protest of the Latin-American republics to the United States and tentative action by this country looking to the circum-scription of some of activities on part of the fighting nations.

Previous history has laid down the precedent that the neutral had few rights deserving recognition unless the neutral were capable of enforcing them. And today the Latin-American republics find themselves in the position of having their trade relations semi-paralyzed and their immediate future made uncertain, for the very simple reason that they are unable to command observance of their requests from the belligerents.
The United States, so far as that is concerned, has known and now knows what it is to suffer financial loss through Europe's disregard of its rights as a neutral. The question of getting commerce out of the country, either to Europe or to South America, and of arranging the terms of exchange, have been complicated by the assumption on the part of the powers at war that their troubles took right of way and the interests of neutral powers, even of the United States, came a bad second.
It would be a salutary chapter if this present war would establish that the neutral had some enforceable rights, that the nations minded to tend their knitting and keep the peace should be disturbed to the minimum by the nations with the desire to smash in each other's heads. In times like these, however, when old standards are being shaken to their foundations, it is doubtful if we shall be able to achieve anything so prosaic as a sharp definition of the rights of neutrals.—Atlanta Constitution.

THIS MAY ENTERTAIN
CALL OF THE LIVE STOCK.
Social note in The Canton News: "She knew that to unite her lot with the young attorney meant the severing of all ties that bound her to her rural home and the live stock she was interested in. It was on account of these things that kept her for a time from accepting the heart and hand of the author who so diligently pressed his suit."

THE WONDERFUL TABLE.
It is a wonderful table the Benz-ton Hard spreads in The Baltimore Sun:
"A breakfast with the fairies Expect to dine at noon On memories of berries That childhood plucked in June. Had laughter at my table, And beauty at my board, And bowed and kissed the asble And ermine of my Lord, For all day long and after, Through every step today, I've heard the childhood laughter That dreams of Christmas day."

SAVE AT THE HUB
Hurry and Get Yours!
1.75 and 1.50 Osborne Sample Dress Gloves, WHILE THEY LAST, FOR 85c per pair
They make ideal presents. Many different styles and good range of sizes. Get yours before they are gone.

BUY A GIFT TO WEAR AT THE HUB FOR LESS MONEY
Fine 75c and \$1.00 Men's Neckwear for only 35c
Presidents Suspenders for only 35c

Fine New Winter Suits for Men
\$25.00 Men's new all-wool Winter Suits for only \$16.50
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\$20.00 Men's new all-wool Winter Suits for only \$14.75
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\$15.00 Men's wool-mixed Winter Suits for only \$10.00
\$14.50 Men's wool-mixed Winter Suits for only \$9.85
\$12.50 Men's wool-mixed Winter Suits for only \$7.10
Young Men's Suits with long pants. \$4.85

NEW WINTER OVERCOATS
The latest for men—Balmacaan Overcoats, regular \$25 Overcoats \$14.50
Regular \$22.50 overcoats \$12.95
Men's regular \$16.50 overcoats for \$12.95
Boys' regular \$8.50 overcoats for \$5.50
The latest patterns in boys' suits, just received and now showing for the first time. We have them at \$1.95, \$2.45, \$3.45, \$4.25, \$4.95, \$5.85, \$5.95, \$6.25.
Boys' heavy blue overalls 35¢
Boys' knee pants 35¢, 45¢, 65¢, 85¢
Nelson knit sox, regular 3 for 25¢ kind, our price 4 for 25¢
Black and tan cotton sox, regular 3 for 25¢ kind, our price 4 for 25¢
Regular \$5.00 John B. Stetson No. 1 quality hats, our price \$3.35
Same in \$4.50 grade, our price \$2.95
Fine large line of new Suit Cases and Traveling Bags at \$1.45 to \$7.85
Trunks \$5.45 to \$12.45
Ladies' fur topped carpet slippers in wine, gray, black and blue for 95¢, \$1.25, \$1.45.
Men's carpet slippers in gray and black for only \$1.25
Pay cash and get more, at the Big Sample Store, for men, women and children

Miscellaneous Gift Suggestions
Men's neckwear, fine for gifts. Regular 50¢ ties for 25¢; regular 75¢ ties for 35¢
Men's linen initial handkerchiefs, 2 for 25¢
A NEW AND COMPLETE LINE OF FLANNEL SHIRTS, all sizes, styles and colors for 95¢, 98¢, \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$1.95, \$2.25, \$2.45, \$2.65, \$2.85.
A large line of sample sweaters. Why pay more for a sweater when you can buy the same thing at the Hub for 50 per cent less than others stores ask you.
Paris garters for men, pair 15¢
Men's heavy wool sox, 2 for 25¢
Men's extra heavy wool sox 25¢
Men's sample auto gloves, the nicest you could buy for a Christmas present. Priced at \$1.45, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$1.95, \$2.25, \$2.45, \$2.65, \$2.85.
A large assortment of men's sample dress gloves for 45¢, 85¢, \$1.00, \$1.25
Men's wool and fur lined driving gloves for 85¢, \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.45, \$1.85, \$2.45.
Men's dress shirts, golf and military collars for 45¢, 49¢, 65¢, 85¢, \$1.00, \$1.25
Just received the largest line of sample hats ever shown in Pendleton. All latest styles all sizes and prices.

Drummers Samples THE HUB 19 Big Busy Stores

conscious creature and pulls it into the room. Then he hastily writes a note stating his condition, and fastens it to a foot of the eagle, which has recovered from the shock. He then releases the great bird and hopefully awaits the result.
Norton, when out hunting several days after the event, chanced to shoot the eagle bearing the note. He sends his native servant to locate the temple. The servant is connected with the Golden Beetle clan and conveys the news of young Surrey to Raymond, chief of the clan. Raymond immediately plans to assist Norton in the rescue of Surrey and then to get rid of Norton and claim the reward for himself. He notices that a member of the clan, one Lang, has a striking resemblance to Surrey and decides to take him to England and restore him to the Surrey family as the missing heir. Surrey he imprisons in a stronghold and Norton he buries in a hole, with his head just above the ground, and leaves him a prey for the vultures.
Raymond and Lang succeed in reaching England and in deceiving the members of the Surrey family, who accept Lang as the heir of the Surrey millions. So well does the plan succeed, the day of the marriage of Lang to the real Surrey's sweetheart arrives without any suspicion on the part of the sweetheart or of Surrey's parents. On that very day, however, after many perils young Surrey and Norton arrive in England. On the same day Raymond receives a cable from a member of the clan in India advising him of the fact. He immediately plans to intercept the new arrivals and put them out of the way. He almost succeeds in killing young Surrey; but, through Norton's exertions the two conspirators are arrested and the Surrey heir is restored to his sweetheart and his people.

COLLEGE BOYS WILL MEET LOCAL HIGH IN BASKETBALL
FORMER HIGH SCHOOL STARS WILL CLASH WITH 1914 TEAM AT GYM.
"College" and "preppers" will meet in a basketball battle tomorrow evening in the high school gymnasium when the H. S. Quintet plays the former high school stars who are home from college for the Christmas vacation. The game is an annual one and is always fraught with considerable rivalry and excitement.
The alumni team will be composed of Boylen, Fee and Claude Hampton of the University of Oregon, and A. Jordan, Cecil Hampton, Strain and O. Straughan of O. A. C. All of these boys have been turning out for practice at college and several of them will probably be in intercollegiate games this season.
The high school team will line up as follows: Siebert, center; Peters and Vaughan forwards, Russell and Gordon, guards. They will rely upon teamwork to overcome any handicap they may be under and expect to win the contest.
French Intrigue Chalked.
BERLIN, via Amsterdam and London, Dec. 22.—The Official Press Bureau gave out the following:
"The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, commenting on the French yellow book, copies of which have just been received, says that it consists of

documents obviously selected and prepared to prove that Russia did not provoke the war, to place the responsibility on Germany, to create dissension between Germany and Austria and to turn neutral nations, especially Holland and Denmark, against Germany.

Loss of Ships Is Denied.
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The admiralty has issued a statement denying that any British warships were lost during the recent raid by a German squadron on the east coast of England.
The statement adds that all German assertions to the contrary are untrue.

Local Playhouses
WHAT THE Press Agent Has to Say of Present and Coming Attractions
Orpheum—Tuesday and Wednesday.
A splendid two part Bison feature is "Monsieur Bluebeard," featuring Murdoch Mac Quarrie in the role of Francois Villon.
Seligneur D'Yore commonly known as "Monsieur Bluebeard," openly defies King Louis XI and the world in general. Aside from this he preys upon the maidens of his small domain. Especially such as leave the altar as newly wedded wives. Louis XI decides to try and reform him and to this end, sends Francois Villon. How Villon finally succeeds makes a very interesting feature.
"The Decision." Rex Featuring Robert Leonard and Ella Hall
The man is engaged to Big Sister but when he loses his fortune she casts him aside. Little Sister thinks him an ideal lover, however, and several years later when he returns with another fortune made in the west he learns that Little Sister is the true one whom he really loves.
"Spoons Day Odd." Sterling
Louis is forced to accompany his wife to the beach. He sees a shapely leg protruding from under a parasol but his wife leads him away by the ear. Later he meets the beautiful owner of the leg but gets in bad with her sweetheart and had to be rescued by his wife.
Pastime Today.
"The Golden Beetle." in five parts. George Surrey, a young Englishman, who is touring India, is arrested and held prisoner in the temple of Kali by fanatical natives. His parents and sweetheart in England are greatly alarmed because of his long absence and a reward of \$100,000 is announced in a Calcutta paper for news of him. Norton, a young English hunter, in India at the time, reads the advertisement.
One day a large eagle strikes against the bars of young Surrey's prison window. He seizes the semi-

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DIAMOND AND PEARL RINGS	\$10.00 to \$400	COMBS.....	\$1.00 to \$25.00
DIAMOND BROOCHES.....	\$10.00 to \$200	FURSES.....	\$2.50 to \$45.00
DIAMOND AND EMERALD RINGS	\$15 to \$100	LINK BUTTONS.....	75c to \$100
DIAMONDS.....	\$6.50 to \$800	CHAINS.....	\$1.00 to \$40.00
VANITY CASES.....	\$1.50 to \$35.00	LOCKETS.....	\$1.50 to \$45.00
CAMEO RINGS AND BROOCHES	\$4.00 to \$40	WATCHES.....	\$4.50 to \$150
DIAMOND PENDANTS.....	\$10.00 to \$100	TOILET SETS.....	\$2.50 to \$75.00
DIAMOND STICKPINS.....	\$6.00 to \$150	UMBRELLAS.....	\$2.00 to \$35.00
DIAMOND STUDS.....	\$6.00 to \$300	SCARF PINS.....	75c to \$100.00
DIAMOND AND SOLITAIRE RINGS	\$10 to \$800	PARISHAN IVORY SETS.....	\$2.50 to \$10.00

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