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CHRISTMAS LEADERS
 Now we shall follow the leaders—
 Thimble and top and ball!
 Now we shall follow the leaders
 Unto the Christmas spell
 Sweethearts of golden morning
 On the infinite stairs of song.
 Ho! for the hosts of Christmas,
 Leading us laughing along!
 Bright eyes burning and dancing,
 We shall follow them down
 Unto the bobbing and prancing
 In the magical Christmas town!
 Now we shall follow the leaders
 Graybeards, wrinkled and old,
 Ho! for the faith of the fairies
 Whose death shall never be knelled!
 Now we shall follow the leaders—
 Yes, we shall lead men, too!
 Dreams of the glory of Christmas.
 Stars in a sky of blue!
 Bells of the rhythmic music,
 Carols of love and truth—
 Ho! for the heart of the ages
 Fresh in the bosom of youth!
 —Selected.

THE ELECTION.

OUR government is founded on the principle of majority rule and it is the rule that must obtain here and elsewhere.
 In the city election yesterday a heavy vote was cast and the majority for Dr. Best is decisive. The East Oregonian accepts that verdict as the will of the people. Whether right or wrong in the matter the voters of the town want Dr. Best for mayor and they have spoken. For the welfare of the city let it be hoped the future will vindicate their judgment. Meanwhile it will be better for all concerned to drop a somewhat heated subject. It is needless to fight a political battle after the contest is ended.

THE BEST SELLER

THE first year of the European war has seen an increase of 50 per cent in the sale of Bibles by American publishers. Some 40,000 copies of this volume is the daily average of their output.
 Of course, the war abroad has placed foreign publishers at a handicap in the disposal of their product, and by so much the advantage has been in our favor. But the absorp-

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tion of such a large output, under conditions such as have disturbed the whole world, gives the Holy Writ incontestably the lead upon the selling lists.
 May we not hope that the admonitions of this Book, so widely spread and so seriously sought, will influence control of the conditions making for peace?—Boston Post.

GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION

THE following optimistic report as to business conditions was contained in the last financial review of Henry Clews:
 General trade continues to expand and bank clearings last week showed an increase from last year of nearly 57%, in spite of diminished speculative activity. November clearings were 75 per cent ahead of last year and 40 per cent ahead of 1913. Reports from the west, where good crops are a powerful stimulant, seem especially encouraging. West of the Alleghenies the war counts for little and local conditions are the principal factor. Merchants in those regions report bare shelves and a widening demand for all classes of merchandise. Big retail stores in all sections of the country anticipate a good Christmas trade. The steel industry continues on its record-breaking course, the present rate of pig iron production exceeding all precedent. Prices are again advancing and in some instances have reached a point that restrains orders; but profits are large and this industry is now enjoying a degree of prosperity which should compensate for the lean period which had been endured for months. Railroads are heavy buyers of equipment, having placed liberal orders for rails and engines, in addition to nearly 35,000 cars in November, the largest number since January, 1913. Our export trade in steel is also promising since foreign requirements are increasing while Great Britain and Germany, our chief competitors, are diverting their energies to the demands of war. Building operations are also being resumed on a large scale under the stimulus of rising confidence and an easier credit situation. There has been a decided improvement in the demand for textiles; both cotton and woolen fabrics reflecting this change in advancing prices. New incorporations reported in November aggregated \$243,000,000, against \$116,000,000 a year ago and \$121,000,000 in the same month of 1913. The total incorporations recorded for the past eleven months reached \$1,362,000,000, against \$877,000,000 in 1914 and \$1,582,000,000 in 1913. These facts show a remarkable revival of enterprise from the severe contraction which followed the declaration of war; the low ebb being in October 1914, when the volume of new incorporations was only \$70,000,000. The amount of new security issues recorded in November was \$230,000,000, against \$28,000,000 a year ago. This was the largest sum in many months, except February last when the total was swelled by several large railroad bond issues, including \$100,000,000 by New York Central. In the face of such facts no very prolonged reaction in stocks can be expected.

FROM THE PEOPLE

AN EXPLANATION.

Editor East Oregonian:
 I notice in reading your valuable paper of the 4th instant an article with reference to a transaction at Hermiston involving an exchange of real property made by William B. White to a client of mine, J. H. Gray. Anyone reading the article might think that Mr. White was guilty of some improper conduct in regard to the transaction, but as attorney for Mr. Gray, and from my own investigation of all of the facts connected with it, I will say that there was nothing whatever in Mr. White's conduct that could be open to criticism. On the contrary, in the transaction his conduct in every respect was honorable and above board in the highest degree, and I feel after reading the article that it is nothing more than my duty to write this letter to you.
 Trusting that you will find space to give in the same publicity that the other article was given, I remain,
 Very truly yours,
 E. E. HECKERBERT,
 Portland, Ore., Dec. 6, 1915.

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Victims of Germans Estimated by Conquered Government.
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C. L. HAWLEY IS HONORED.

Care Given Oregon Commissioner at Fair on Departure.
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 The president of the commission, O. M. Clark, will remain to wind up Oregon's affair. Mr. Hawley left for Portland.

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Jury Finds Against Man Accused of Robbing 23 Stages.
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 The jury was out less than half an hour. Sentence has not yet been imposed.

Dance Tonight.

The Pendleton Circle, No. 527, Women of Woodcraft, will give a dance tonight, December 7, at Moore Hall. All are cordially invited and a good time assured. Admission, 50c, ladies free.—Adv.

AT THE CITY HALL.

"Are the accounts all straight?"
 "Yes I've entered up all the chief clerk's checks and the cashier's I O. U.'s and the deputy's promissory notes and the treasurer's vouchers and the superintendent's receipts and the third assistant commissioner's expense account."
 "How much actual cash is there on hand?"
 "Ten dollars."
 "Lend it to me. I'm going out tonight."
 "I'll split with you."
 "All right, put your memorandum in the drawer and we'll go out together."

O-SUM CHOP.

Mr. Yoshitomo, that Japanese man, He's make me run along quick as he can.
 For tell his Uncle Jimmy he's gotten nice place.
 An emperor for that Nippon race.

O, me, O, my, come along soon
 Yuan Shih Kai, stepson of the moon,
 He go out on all same hike
 And he tell him something to Uncle Mike.

He talked to Mike, that ancient ghost
 While eating Egg Foo Yong on toast,
 And he say: "Sure, Mike, that Japanese man
 Finish all else same like also ran."

For Yuan Shih Kai, stepson of the moon,
 Is top side, down side neutral, and soon.
 When war is making Yoshitomo hop,
 Yuan will still be selling the chop.
 —China Boy Poet

A CURRENT TOPIC.

We once had hopes that electric rays by water would be cut.
 Which goes to show we were in the class
 Of foolish Jeff and Mutt.
 For they based the rate on the price of coal,
 Which was an awful slam;
 And the promises they handed out
 Were not worth a Keoduk dam.

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Jimmy Britt, of California, once known as the Beau Brummel of the prize ring and the light weight champion of the United States, has enlisted in the Australian contingent of the British army and is probably in the trenches on the Gallipoli peninsula by this time.
 Britt went to Australia and New Zealand last spring.

WILSON'S NAME IS FILED.

Bryan's Brother Refuses to Sign, But May Do So Later.
 LINCOLN, Dec. 6.—The name of Woodrow Wilson as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination was filed here to be placed on the Nebraska primary ballot in 1916. The petition was signed by local democrats.

SWAMP-ROOT FOR KIDNEY DISEASES

There is only one medicine that really stands out pre-eminent as a remedy for diseases of the kidney, liver and bladder.
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Don Martin in "The Coquette," at Pastime today and tomorrow.

MR. AND MRS. TAYLOR OF ATHENA OBSERVE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

FRIENDS OF COUPLE GIVE THEM PLEASANT SURPRISE WEDNESDAY.

Many Congratulations Are Tendered—Wedding Is Re-enacted—Beautiful Presents Are Received—Luncheon Follows Later in the Evening and All Enjoy Themselves.

(Special Correspondence.)

ATHENA, Ore., Dec. 7.—Friday evening, December 3, being the 53th or silver anniversary of their wedding day, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor were given a complete surprise by a visit from a number of their friends at their home near Athena. The first intimation of their presence was an ear-splitting din, arising from the honking of auto horns and the ringing of cowbells and beating of tin pans, and the couple realized that they were enjoying the honor of a belated charivari. The serenaders were invited in, and many congratulations were showered upon the two who have so happily passed the quarter-century milestone together.
 During the evening the victims were forced to re-enact the wedding, the bride and groom standing beneath a (cow) bell, as the minister pronounced the "sentence" of their continued conjugal bondage even unto the golden wedding and the diamond jubilee.
 A handsome silver oaking dish and other table silver was tendered the bride in memory of the occasion. A most happy and jolly evening was passed, credit being due principally to Mrs. D. H. Mansfield and Mrs. W. R. Scott who instigated the affair. A sumptuous wedding luncheon was served the guests by Misses Maude Mansfield and Lillian Gerking.

SEAWEED IS POTASH HOPE.

Experts Propose to Utilize Weed to Prevent Famine.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Possibilities for relieving the potato famine which the country now is facing lie in the seaweed in the Central Atlantic according to a report from Commercial Agent Norton of the department of commerce.
 The shortage has assumed most serious dimensions, say those charged with looking, although there seems to be a possibility that the supply from Pacific dried kelp will be increased in the near future. The ordinary commercial chloride of potash is now quoted at \$600 a ton, while the rate in July, 1914, just before the war started, was but \$28 a ton.
 Vast amounts of the seaweed are thrown upon the coast of the Bahamas, according to the report, and in one harbor the accumulations of hundreds of thousands of tons render navigation at times almost impossible.
 It is suggested that efforts should be made on a large scale to exploit this potash source, concessions for the working of which on the islands might be obtained, although the work could be carried on directly in the Atlantic.

PUT CREAM IN NOSE AND STOP CATARRH

Tells How to Open Clogged Nostrils and End Head-Colds.
 You feel fine in a few moments. Your cold in head or catarrh will be gone. Your clogged nostrils will open. The air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more dullness, headache; no hawking, snuffing, mucous discharges or dryness; no struggling for breath at night.
 Tell your druggist you want a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.
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