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CHRISTMAS

They laid Him in a manger, and the rich men passed Him by,
 There was no room in all that inn far such as He to lie,
 I wonder how they took it when the stable boy at noon
 Went in and passed the word around a baby boy was born,
 A baby in the stable—and all night in peace they'd sleep,
 A mother on a bed of straw while they their rooms had kept!
 The inn was overcrowded; but that night, had they but known,
 They would have welcomed Mary there and loved her as their own.
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THE STEADFAST FOURTEEN

THE 14 senators who at Salem stood faithful to the interests of their constituents and thereby prevented a gross injustice from being worked upon the people of this state and upon the highway program are entitled to a place in the Oregon hall of fame. They fought a battle that has seldom been equalled in the history of state legislation. It was a struggle against heavy odds under difficult conditions but they had right and justice upon their side and deserved to win. It was their determination that saved the day for the state.
 It was wrong in principle for Portland to demand that the state as a whole bear 50 per cent of the cost of the proposed exposition. Portland is thoroughly able to finance its own fair and by all the rules of ethics should do so because that city will reap 90 per cent of the benefits from the fair. The move to impose a \$3,000,000 tax on gasoline in order to pay for Portland's fair was in the nature of a breach of faith to the car owners of Oregon. The gasoline tax money is pledged to the highway fund and that is where it should be used. It would be a monstrous injustice to force every man who has a flivver to pay tribute in order that merchants, hotel magnates and realty speculators in Portland might reap huge profits. The car owners of the state are already paying high license fees and high prices for gasoline. Why should they be further burdened to finance an enterprise in which they would not be the beneficiaries. The answer is that the fair promoters dare not ask for a property tax or an income tax because the men representing property and in-

comes are organized and prepared to defend themselves. The car owner was looked upon as an easy victim. That is why he was chosen for plucking.

And the gasoline users of the state, which means most everyone, would have been plundered to the tune of \$3,000,000 had it not been for the stone wall defense put up by the Eastern Oregon senators, led by Roy W. Raiser of Pendleton. You can put that down in the book for it is the truth and it will be worth remembering.

In order to make out a false claim of ingratitude against Eastern Oregon various Portland orators at Salem last week pointed to different times in the past when Portland has sustained Eastern Oregon on certain issues. Let them tell that to the marines. The general attitude of Portland towards Eastern Oregon has been one of indifference and neglect. There is amazing ignorance in Portland concerning this part of the state and little desire to learn. In recent months the official attitude of Portland businessmen towards Eastern Oregon has been one of hostility that borders on brigandage. The Portland chamber has officially recommended that this part of the state be robbed of its federal road quota and that the money so stolen be used in a scheme to cut the throat of Eastern Oregon with reference to tourist business. Portland has reversed itself on the rate principle for which it struggled so long and had Eastern Oregon help in a fight Portland believed was just. When interior people ask for the same brand of justice for which Portland struggled they laugh at us, talk in terms of bald hypocrisy and support the railroads in a move to force injustice upon our merchants and farmers. If in such work Portlanders feel they are friends of Eastern Oregon then we may well ask God to save us from our friends. We cannot afford friendship of that stripe.

The facts are that Portland is provincial and smugly regards other sections of the state as suburbs of the metropolis. There are too many Ottenheimers and Swattenheimers down there who would build up Portland by tearing down the rest of the state when Portland's true business is to serve itself by developing the state. When we tell them the truth they think we are abusing them in a spirit of narrowness. They think that if they send forth a glad hand excursion party every five or 10 years and give us a hasty handshake that they have performed wonders and that we should be their servile subjects forever and a day.

The best interests of the state and of Portland demanded that there be an awakening. The special session of the legislature provided a fitting occasion. The calling of that special session for such a purpose and at such a time was an affront not only to legislators but to the people. Portlanders could have used the initiative for their fair measure and thereby saved the taxpayers the cost of the special session. But they would not spend the \$2000 or \$3000 necessary to get their measure on the ballot by petition and so induced the governor to assemble the lawmakers at a time when they wanted to be at their own firesides and so might swallow the program in order to get away. But the legislature rebelled and if the courts uphold the plain meaning of the constitution the fair measure will not be on the ballot at the primary election. The special session was a fiasco as far as the fair is concerned and the blame is upon the governor and his Portland friends. The one bright spot about it all was the stand of the 14 senators who refused to be bulldozed into betrayal of their constituents. As to the claim that Portland would hold a fair unless the state bears half the expense, that is baby talk and may be disregarded. Portland expects to get several hundred million dollars out of the fair. If with such hopes in sight it is unwilling to finance the fair it does not deserve an exposition.

NEGRO FARMER PROSPEROUS
 DURHAM, Ga., Dec. 28.—(U. S. N. S.)—Business is good on Cain Foreman's farm. Cain, a negro, brought into town specimens of a second year crop in this year and a second year crop on one tree this year.

SOVIETS FIGHT FAMINE
 MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—(U. S. N. S.)—Reports printed by the Pravda, Bolshevik newspaper in Pravda, declared considerable progress was being made in the Soviets in fighting famine in the stricken districts.

Editorial From The Crescent

- With one bound this store has sprung into public favor. Its progressiveness is appreciated by every caller. The indomitable ambition to undersell, is bound and determined to make this store a permanent leader among the stores of Pendleton. We're forging to the front. We're giving the public such values as were positively unobtainable sometime ago.

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28 YEARS AGO
 (From the Daily East Oregonian, December 26, 1893.)
 Dr. W. J. Hanson of the asylum committee, which visited Pendleton, made the remark in favor of Heppner as the location for the branch asylum.
 G. W. Webb, ex-state treasurer, arrived at the city last evening on a visit from La Grande.
 Miss Gertrude Despain came home for the holidays this morning from Portland, where she has been attending St. Helen's Hall.
 Misses Maunah and Bessie Switzler, who have been attending Anie Wright Seminary at Tacoma, arrived Thursday to enjoy the holidays at their homes in Pendleton.
 Students of the Weston normal school who have come down for the holidays are Fannie Duncan, Gussie and Leslie Moorhouse, Zella Ritter and George Hartman, Jr.
FOURTEEN ARE KILLED
 MONROE, Okla., Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Fourteen were killed by a tornado today near here.
POWER CANAL READY
 NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Water was turned into the Chippewa-Queenston power canal this morning.
CANNOT ACCEPT PROPOSAL
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(A. P.)—Italians declared Italy could not accept the American submarine proposal.

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