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## A Merry Christmas

This is Christmas week, and all minds in the civilized world are centered upon one thing; that of being happy and making other people happy. Creeds and dogmas are shelved and all join in the one great work. There are no infidels, no agnostics this week the very nature of the air puts a quietus on any such theories. Nothing is more beautiful or more simple than the story of the Christ child, yet it has a sublime effect upon the hearts of the people, and the so-called, scholarly men may theorise and exhaust their lungs in trying to show the fallacy of the idea, yet it remains firmly implanted in the minds of the masses, and there it will remain as long as time shall last.

Human nature cries out for something higher which may be looked up to, and all the theories of agnosticism fall like lead to the ground, while the clear, bright vision of something higher stands out openly in the minds of the people. After all is said and done, agnosticism is nothing more than a theory, without a foundation, and pursued to its complete end, would deny all possibility of matter in the universe. It can be summed up in these few words, THERE MAY BE I DON'T KNOW. But lest we seem to drift from our subject, we will get back to what we started

out to say, and that is to wish all our readers and their friends a Merry Christmas, and extend the hope that this holiday season may be the happiest time of their lives.

## Something Practical Wanted

Everyone on the Pacific coast is interested in the improvement of rivers and harbors. We have a number of harbors on the coast, all of which need help from the government, and statistics will show that we are entitled to it. They get help on the Atlantic coast and through the middle sections of the country, but somehow we are rather left out in the cold on this coast.

The idea naturally suggests itself that we should have some practical method of getting hold of the subject, besides hounding and threatening the men in congress with defeat if the appropriation we want is not forthcoming. We should get our statistics to show that what we want is reasonable and that such an appropriation is practical.

The time when lobbyists going round threatening the various members of congress with defeat, will accomplish anything is past. Members of the American congress are elected to legislate for the nation. Such congress is not going to appropriate \$50,000,000 without knowing what is going to be done with the money. President Taft

gave a hint in that direction in his address before the Rivers and Harbors congress. The American congress is not going to appropriate \$50,000,000 for rivers and harbors without knowing how the money is to be expended. The American congress knows that the Hennepin canal was dug after twenty-five years of agitation, and they also know that it is not now used for navigation. It is a fine canal, but it is serving no public purpose. If there are to be river and harbor congresses held in the future, such body ought to be devoted to the discussion of real projects and, furthermore, Chicago ought not to be permitted to overwhelm it with talk for a waterway from the lakes to the gulf. That is a good proposition, and should have careful consideration. But it would cost untold millions to get what Chicago wants done.

Water transportation is essential and must come. But there must be more information in regard to rivers and harbors before appropriations can be made. In other words, the date of sentiment is past and the time for practical action is at hand.

## Bourne On "Assembly" Plan

Senator Johnathan Bourne is sending out circulars to his constituents in which he bitterly attacks the promoters of the "assembly" plan and says it is nothing more than an underhanded scheme to defeat the direct primary law and the initiative and referendum, both of which are very close to the hearts of the people of Oregon. Mr. Bourne says:

"Time was when a few self-constituted leaders in Oregon politics arrogated to themselves the pre-

rogatives of government and made their assumption effective through illicit combinations and the use of money in any and every quarter where necessary to their purposes of control; that is, they commercialized conventions, Legislatures and the administrative branches of the city, county and state government. It was not a condition peculiar to Oregon. It obtained and still obtains in a more or less flagrant degree in every state in the union; and it had its boldest, most unscrupulous executive genius in Boss Tweed, who, recognizing the opportunity of the crook in government by party, declared he did not care who elected the candidates so long as he had the power to nominate the ticket.

It is beyond belief that the electorate of this state who are today in the legitimate possession of a full-fledged franchise such as is enjoyed in no other state in the Union, with the complete power of sovereignty it carries, are ready knowingly to surrender it to a few designing politicians and their purchased clerk. The assumption of the primary Law is that the people are intelligent enough to know what they want and to exercise a discretionary choice of candidates for their public servants, and that they have no need to call in a Tweed, or an "assembly" of Tweeds to exercise that choice for them."

## A Lost Faculty

Americans have lost a faculty. They will never gain be able to "go slow." The buzz wagon is in the blood.

Going slow is more than an art, it is a faculty, a constitutional and fundamental ability. We have lost it.

It began to wither when the first railway train made 15 miles an hour. It struggled along from Flora Temple to Dan Patch. The telephone scattered like Pandora's released devilties from hamlet to farm house and the job was done. No more horseback rides or slow rowing of a boat at midnight rousing neighbors. No waiting while Father went to town for the doctor. Buzz and the half day became a minute or rather the minute stretched into hours. The bicycle had done its deadly stunt and cut the miles in three. Zip! Toot! tott! The gasoline cart is coming down the road. Forty miles an hour. Hike hens, dogs keep well to the roadside. A volley of musketry, a lingering smell of gasoline, a cloud of dust, a shape disappearing over the hill at the horizon and a faint distant popping as the muffler is raised for the next rise. What's doing? Why Jones is going to town; and he isn't going slow. He can't. He has lost the faculty.

No we shall never go slow again. We must hit the high places. Here we come, here we come; somebody head us of will you? But nobody will do it. Everybody is too busy going some.

We can never go slow again in business or war or love or any other pursuit. On the contrary we are advancing the spark with every turn of the wheels. Where are we going? Into the fences on the turn?

There's only one thing left to remind us of the old days. There is only one thing which preserves its slowness through the rush and hurry of these modern days and that is the Coos Bay mail service.—Times.

## University Debate

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 14, 1909—Three men trained in the Oregon High School Debating League have just won first honors in debate at the University of Oregon, having been chosen, after a series of hard try outs in which a large number of men competed, to represent the University against the University of Utah in their annual debate on January 28th. The team chosen is as follows: Percy Collier, a leader of the Eugene high school league team of last year; Carlton E. Spencer, of Cottage Grove, a graduate of the Roseburg high school and leader of its team two years ago against Ashland; with Howard Zimmerman, a graduate of the Salem team last year, as alternate. The Utah debate is considered one of the most important debates that the University enters. On account of the distance between the two schools, each team is composed of two men. In previous contests the University of Oregon has won one and lost one.

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