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It's vain and worse than vain to think on joys Which, like the hour that's gone, return no more.
—Isaac Clason.

The practice of buying a handsome and costly Christmas present for father and having it charged to him cheerfully persists. But father usually is game and smiles outwardly, even if he winces inwardly.

Be fair in your judgment of the kiddies. Many of them are good in midsummer dogdays, as well as during the weeks just before Christmas, when Santa Claus is to be duly placated and impressed.

Recent revelations and scandals in connection with the K. K. K. have put that unsavory organization in condition for the writer of epigrams to put the regulation r. i. p. over it.

Foreign delegations attending the conference on limitation of armaments find, to their sorrow, that there is no reduction in limitation on Washington hotel bills.

National Guard Grows
The National Guard forces of the United States will number 160,000 men, it is estimated, by the end of the current fiscal year—the thirtieth of next June. This will bring the personnel of the guard up to the number in the regular army and exceed it by 10,000.

The upbuilding of the National Guard as the nation's second line of defense is evoking patriotic attention in all parts of the country. States are vying with each other in promptly raising their quota.

apart from the body politic, but integral parts of it. There is no semblance of militarism in their service as guardsmen. They are in training and are keeping militarily fit, not to march behind some ambitious military conqueror; not to engage in ignoble warfare; not to misuse the armed strength of the nation; but to be the bulwark of national defense should this country be attacked suddenly. It is to be hoped that their services never may be needed in warfare. But should war be thrust upon this nation, every American would thank God for the National Guard in that crisis.

Public Forum
The Public Forum column is a medium for the expressions of Tidings readers. Articles submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. Views expressed under this head are not to be confused with the editorial opinion of the newspaper, the Tidings being willing to allow presentation of both sides of any question except politics and religion.

Ashland, Oregon, December 20. Editor Tidings:
I see in your issue of the 17th that my esteemed friend, Mr. John Dill, has broken into the papers again. It is hard to imagine how my article of the 16th could have caused such an eruption, but maybe there is a cause. At the close of my article referred to, I invited all those who wished to organize a law enforcement league to write, phone or call on me. I did not say I wanted to organize such a league. What I wished to find out was how many people really wished to have law enforced. Well, I guess I have found out. John D. knows without asking, as he did, that I do, and always have, both in private and official life, stood for enforcement of law. No matter who or what, official or non-official position, high or low, rich or poor, all offenders look alike to me.

As to whether or not John D. has a cause to have frequent attacks of "councilitis," evidenced by his frequent attacks on the council, the reader can form his or her opinion after reading the following copy from the ordinance referred to the electorate on October 18, 1920, by the common council:
"In order to provide funds for the purpose of building reservoirs and dams in Ashland creek canyon, and for the purpose of bettering and increasing the water supply of the city of Ashland, shall the city of Ashland issue bonds in such amounts as may be necessary, and not exceeding \$100,000, said sum or such amount thereof as may be necessary to be expended as the common council deems best for said purposes."
The underscoring is mine and is done to aid the reader to understand

stand just what the electorate wanted when they voted what the common council should or should not do.
"Yes," by a large majority was the answer. I guess we will have to excuse John D. for his frequent outbursts, but that is no reason for indifference or apathy on the part of the public regarding the enforcement of law.

Although he did not mean to do so, John D.'s article was a cause for rejoicing on the part of those in our midst who violate with impunity the law or who are cynically indifferent to its enforcement. Said indifference amounts almost to a crime, and is assiduously cultivated by the criminal element among us.
With best wishes to all and with malice toward none, I am
Yours for law enforcement,
D. N. BROWER, M. D.

Million Tourists Visit Northwest Forests In 1921

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—Outdoor recreation ranks today as one of the major resources or utilities of the national forests, according to Colonel W. B. Greeley, chief of the forest service, who states that this is not because of anything the government has done to facilitate or increase this form of use, but because of the demonstrated belief of several

million of people that the forests offer a broad and varied field of recreational opportunities.
According to figures received from the forests just compiled, there was a total of 973,652 visitors to the national forests of Oregon and Washington during 1921. The Washington national forests had 550,460, while the Oregon forests had 423,192.

The forester emphasizes the fact that the presence of large numbers of people on favored recreation sites creates problems of sanitation, of public health, and of protection of public property, which cannot be safely ignored. He says that counties, municipalities, forest recreation associations and other semi-public organizations and in some cases, individual citizens are doing much by generous donations and constructive planning to relieve the situation. They have installed toilets, fireplaces, shelters, sources of water supply, tables and benches, refuse depositories, parking places and other almost indispensable facilities.
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Local and Personal

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Blood Poisoning—Mrs. C. H. Vaupel is recovering from a case of blood poisoning.


An agency for the Liberty car has been established at Medford, and anyone interested in them may see them at the Riverside Garage. P. F. Close is agent. 132 S. Riverside. 88r

Sunday School Board to Meet—The Sunday school board of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold a business meeting at the church at 7 o'clock this evening for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.
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Christmas at the Presbyterian church will be observed on Sunday, as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock as usual. The morning service will be a musical program by the choir. In the evening at 6:30 o'clock the Sunday school will observe a "White Christmas" with a pageant, "No Room in the Sun," and the presenting of "white gifts for the King" by the classes.
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Many suggestions are made for relieving this condition. "Do your Christmas shopping early" is one of the best means of avoiding the rush.

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