

Tidings

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What deep wound ever healed without a scar? —Byron.

For his own sake and for the sake of the great state of Illinois, it is to be hoped that Governor Small is innocent of the charges made against him, and that he may prove his innocence.

No Oregonian need go to Switzerland to find all the majesty and picturesqueness of scenery that Switzerland affords. Alpine sublimities are matched right here at home.

It is better that young people marry at leisure and be satisfied in the same way. Too much haste brings matrimonial failure in a great many instances.

If the New Year should give the world as much as it expects and hopes for, it will be a good and a happy New Year indeed.

Public Forum The Public Forum column is a medium for the expressions of Tidings readers. Articles submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Editor of Tidings: I notice in your paper, that our mayor and city council have made a saving to the taxpayers of the city of one and one-half mills. I wondered, the other day, when I saw the street commissioner pulling the tractor and the street grader with the city team, if the mayor was not saving oil, in order to reduce our taxes. I don't understand it at all. The charter allows 15 mills for running the city, that is, for expenses. Are we to understand that it is going to be run for 13 1/2 mills this coming year? That's the only way that the officials can actually make a saving, the balance of the cost is for our improvements. Now just shoo this pullet off her nest and see if we did not get about all the old hen layed, but the egg. The mayor under color of reducing taxes, reduced the amount of light that the city gives for one dollar from 17 kilowatts to 11 kilowatts. He increased the cost of irrigating an acre of land from \$8 to \$12. He increased the amount of beautifying your lawn 100 per cent, and is now installing a whirly-gig to clear this water that you are irrigating your gardens, lawns and orchards with, at an initial cost of \$2550. I certainly hope that the estimated cost of this whirly-gig will not turn out like some other estimated costs. If it does, it might reach \$6000. It makes our water a little expensive for irrigating purposes, and besides, no one is asking for it. The mayor gives a list of very attractive salaries being paid to city officials in Klamath Falls. Can it be that he is actually trying to toll some of our officials off, over to Klamath, or is it another Buck Lake fake? Is all this talk of high salaries and war prices paid in other places to head off future reductions or does the mayor wish a raise? I don't know any of that city bunch that is tied to their posts, neither have I heard of any contemplated resignations. They all seem to want to "git their grain from pap's crib." The mayor said when he first brought up the matter of raising the charge for light and water, that he was going to make the renter pay some of the city taxes. If he had been reading John Stuart Mills, Adam Smith or Henry George on political economy, instead of Mark Hanna, he would have known that the reason that there are so many renters is because they have been putting too much money in rents that go to pay the landlord's taxes, instead of putting their money into

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



Pretty Things That are made at Home



CHRISTMAS comes but once a year, but oh me, oh my, is it not astonishing how often that once-a-year season for getting gifts ready comes around? Here it is time to figure out just what we will give to our nearest and dearest, plus friends galore. If these presents are to be made by hand and not bought at the last minute, it is high time that actual work is commenced. Perhaps this group of pretty things that can be made at home, will prove of inspiration. Just imagine this beautiful floral-basket piece with its wonderfully artistic candlesticks gracing the center of one's dearest friend's dining table. Could any gift be lovelier? Or perhaps the sandwich tray appeals as being more practical. At any rate crepe paper "rope work" as it is called is most fascinating. Beat of all, while the expense is minimum, the result is maximum. For a basket of 4-inch diameter, 6 inches high and a handle 8 inches high, materials are necessary as follows: Two banks of 3/4-inch crepe paper rope, 12 wires for foundation, two extra long wires for the handle, one spool covered wire for holding wires together when starting, one fold crepe paper to match rope for winding wires, one tube glue, one tube paste. It is also necessary to have a wire cutter and pair of pointed pliers. Shellac is essential for the finishing touch. The first step is to wrap each of the 12 wires with a strip of crepe paper. Cut it 3/4 inches wide off the end of the roll of crepe paper through the entire thickness. Fold one end of strip over end of wire and then twirl it around the entire length of wire

without a gap. Paste securely at the last end. Next separate the 12 wires into two groups of six wires each. Lay one group over the other at right angles center to center. Fasten with spool wire. Then radiate the wires two by two like spokes to a wheel. Caution must be taken to keep all wires flat on the table else they will jumble at the center. It is now time for the paper rope. Fasten one end at the center with glue. Then weave in and out starting with a single wire and then continuing two by two and when it comes to the single wire at completion of first circle, clip it out, as it is necessary for even weaving to have an odd number of wires. Upon completion of a base four inches in diameter, with pliers bend each wire up vertical to form the side of basket. From now on weave in and out of single wires evenly spaced. When the side is woven six inches tall, fasten in three more strands of paper rope. These strands with the one of the basket (making four), are clamped with the short ends of the big wires, throwing the two strands in braided fashion to cover each wire. Thus is a heavy coil formed at the top of the basket. The handle wires are carefully wrapped with paper, then caught with spool wire (all wrapped in paper) beginning at each side of basket at the base. Shellac the basket with one or more coats. The dolls can be dressed for pin-cushions or electric bulb shades. Notice the crepe paper costumes. homes for themselves. I wonder how long Mr. Lamkin would continue to pay tax on a rent house if he never could rent it. I told him when he said that the taxpayer would be tickled when he saw the results of these raises to our livings, that the only people that would be tickled over them, would be the California and Oregon Light and Power company; that they always put such happenings in their vest pockets for future use. Before the mayor gets through with these things that he has put in motion, he will have to offer up a prayer something like the nigger did at the time of the earthquake at Charleston, when things there were in a lively motion. The nigger said: "Lord, we wants to get you to come down here and help us to stop this three headed harican that you have sent on us; it's done knock all da water out of the Ashby and Cooper rivers, and it ain't got no intention of quittin. We wants to get you to come right here to Charleston, for here is where it hit, and please, Sir, come yourself and don't send your son, for it ain't gwine to be no boy's job." The mayor says that Klamath pays her engineer \$10 per day, and we Mr. Walker \$75 per month. I don't know just how much his salary

what it was during the Johnson administration for the purpose of buying water and lights. The trouble with the mayor's figuring is, when it comes to raises and reductions, he uses the dollar as a unit, when it comes to salaries and increases in our water and light charges, but when it comes to reducing taxes, it's done by the mill route, and there is some difference, you can take it from me. JOHN H. DILL.

SUGGESTIONS ON WINTER DRIVING

Motor Expert Tells How to Secure Best Results With Car During Cold Weather. RICH MIXTURE IS REQUIRED Where Heated Garage Is Used Little Difficulty Will Be Experienced in Starting—Drain Radiator on Cold Nights.

Present day grades of gasoline do not easily vaporize unless a sufficient amount of heat is present. For this reason, an excessively rich mixture is required when starting in order that some of it will retain its vapor like form and reach the cylinders. The remainder will decondense and either leak back through the manifold or leak past the piston rings and finally reach the oil in the crank case. Gasoline is an enemy of lubrication and for this reason the crank case oil should be changed more frequently in winter than in summer, says H. W. Slauson, M. E., in Leslie's Weekly. If a car is kept in a heated garage no difficulty will be experienced in winter starting, for the interior of the cylinders and the cooling water will be kept at summer temperature. Starting conditions in a cold garage are different, however, and it must be remembered that excessive amounts of gasoline are required for the "warming up" process which seems to be so necessary before an engine can be expected to develop its normal power. Drain Radiator. From the standpoint of efficiency rather than convenience, the best way is to drain the radiator on cold nights and to fill the cooling system with warm water when the car is to be used. This then places the entire engine in the same condition, as regards temperature, as though it had been operated for fifteen or twenty minutes, and will save the amount of gasoline which would otherwise be required to bring the entire system to this temperature. It will save dilution of the crank case oil, and through the ease of starting which is thus assured will save the severe strain on the battery which cold weather usually entails. The battery is an expensive necessity of car operation, and long periods of use of the starter before the motor will respond, represent a punishment which the battery manufacturer deprecates and which amounts to a serious item of cost to the owner for battery recharging, rental, repair or renewal. Radiator covers, robes and the like will serve to retain the heat of a water cooled car for several hours. Cars which are kept standing idle on the street or in garages for more than three or four hours, however, in exceedingly cold weather should be provided with some form of anti-freeze mixture in the radiator. A 25 per cent solution of alcohol (one-quarter alcohol and three-quarters water) will freeze at zero, a 30 per cent solution will freeze at five degrees below zero, a 40 per cent solution will freeze at twenty degrees below zero. Glycerin Can Be Used. It should be remembered that the boiling point of alcohol is much lower than that of water and consequently this proportion of alcohol will be reduced rapidly as a car is operated. Glycerin may prevent this expansion to a certain extent, but one manufacturer recommends the following anti-freezing solution: Alcohol 20 per cent, glycerin, 20 per cent and water per cent, thus giving a non-freezing insurance to the point of twenty degrees below zero. Proportions of 18 and 68, respectively, will prevent freezing to points within five degrees below zero. The above suggestions, of course apply only to the water cooled car. The air cooled car lends itself to operating conditions of the moment, most immediately.

New Desolation Threatens Land of Constant Turmoil—Near East



Refugee Family Fleeing with Possessions from the Danger Zone. French evacuation of Cilicia, where the fugitives, many of whom have left their homes with little more than the Republic have been all that has stood between the Armenians and renewed Moslem outbreaks, threatens further misery and desolation in a land which has known little but war and devastation for more than seven years. Fearing outbreaks similar to those more than 20,000 Armenians lost their lives in massacres at Hadjin, Marash, and Ufa, armies of refugees are flocking into Syria and cities on the coast, imploring to be sent to the Island of Cyprus and other asylums of assured security. American workers of the Near East Relief who have been caring for the survivors of previous massacres report that throughout Cilicia native Christians are in the wildest panic of fear. With winter coming on, with the centers to which the refugees are fleeing already overcrowded, and with relief supplies inadequate, a terrible problem is facing the American relief workers in the care of these people. "Almost beyond description," he declares, "are the acute sufferings of the fugitives, many of whom have left their homes with little more than the clothes on their backs. Their fear is unreasonable, but it is not unreasonable. They are largely the survivors of the massacres of last year and they are only too familiar with Moslem ferocity. They know what is going to happen just as soon as the last European soldier is withdrawn across the border into Syria." From other sources, from relief reports from directors of larger relief units in the big cities, and from the stories of refugees themselves comes confirmation of Chankalian's statements. Reports to relief headquarters in New York tell of almost incredible suffering among the thousands fleeing from their homes, particularly among the children who form a large portion of their number. Relief agents in the field assert that unless immediate assistance is forthcoming the deaths from starvation and exposure during the winter will run into the thousands. Major Nicol, head of the Near East Relief in the Cilicia area has cabled to New York asking that the relief funds at his disposal be doubled.

A well in Wisconsin studied some years ago by Prof. F. H. King showed an abrupt rise of the water level whenever a train passed over a railway track 140 feet from the well. Slow and heavily loaded freight trains produced the most marked effect. Similar fluctuations of the water in wells commonly accompany earthquakes. In the blue Gulf Stream water between the Azores and the Newfoundland banks, green layers have been observed to be due to the presence of a minute phosphorescent medusa. The belief in brownies in England may be a survival from ancient times, when a small, dark race of aborigines inhabited the country.

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