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A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

There is every reason why this Christmas should be a merry one, in every sense. Peace, happiness and prosperity reign throughout the land and almost over all the world. There have been disasters and calamities, like those of San Francisco and Valparaiso, but even these have been mitigated by the quick sympathy and abundant charity of the nations. A world at peace—a bigger, better world than ever before—more nearly approaching "Good will to all mankind," than ever before. Will send back tomorrow "the song the angels sing."

A "passive resistance" strike, that is, exact obedience to antiquated postal laws which have been disregarded in a measure for the good of the service, is on in Austria. This strike brings out the fact that the postoffice there pays but 45 cents a day to start with, and raises to the maximum of 70 cents after forty years of service. We should be thankful that our lot has been cast in free America.

With its new lands and great natural resources, much of the latter hardly touched yet. We may boast of our Government and liberties, but that is not essential—natural resources, coupled with plenty of room, are requisites for the prosperity of the masses. Turn your horse out on your ten-acre pasture he will do well. Give him half a dozen companions and he will starve. On the same principle Oregon with but an average of half a dozen to the square mile, thrives where China, equally if not more fertile, starves with her three hundred to the square mile.

Why will not Lane county build a bridge at the free ferry on the McKenzie? It needs it, there is a great deal of travel on the road and it is not only delayed by periodical high water for several days at a time on occasion, but when operated there are long waits for the traveler at times on account of the rush. The great timber and mining interests of the McKenzie, not to mention travel across the mountains and to and from the hot springs, are responsible for travel on the road really above the capacity of a ferry to properly handle. The Guard suggests that the Commercial Club take this matter

up with our county court. A bridge should span the McKenzie at the free ferry site before the rains come next fall.

The Commercial Club should take up the matter of opening the Willamette river as far as Eugene. It is an entirely feasible idea—one that might be carried out within two years if the proper effort is made to interest the Oregon delegation in congress. To secure an appropriation of \$250,000 with which to begin the work should not be a difficult task when the importance of the work is considered. The Willamette river drains the most thickly settled portion of the Willamette valley, a territory capable of vast development which in time will greatly increase its population and commercial importance. Some boats have already been brought up the river as far as Eugene without any river improvements having been done, and it would seem that the task of making it safely navigable should not be one of great difficulty or expense.

The work already cut out for the Interstate Commerce commission is heavy; that there is some prospect congress will provide for additional members. In that case, or should a vacancy occur from any other cause, it is reported that the friends of W. D. Barr, of Chicago, general freight and passenger agent of the Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad Company, will urge his appointment. For Mr. Barr it is claimed that he is a practical railroad man of large experience and admirably qualified in every way for a place on the commission.

The friction between church and state in France is responsible for queer funeral conditions in the small town of La Canonique. Both church and town own hearses and it takes them both for a funeral—the town authorities refusing the church hearses permission to use the streets, while the town hearses are similarly barred out of the churchyard, all doubling the cost of that part of the last rites.

Attorney John H. Bower has a canal scheme for solving the transportation problem. The discussion of this great question, so vital to the future of Western Oregon, will serve a good purpose, but the Guard is of the opinion that the deepening or clearing out of the Willamette river is feasible, and can be secured by persevering effort.

Congressmen who voted against an increase in salaries for senators and representatives are mistakenly being called cowards. They are merely prudent men who wish to hold on to their jobs.

To judge from the talk of some treasury officials, prosperity is making considerable trouble for the country. The country isn't complaining.

Railroad bidding is brisk for the services of government lawyers, and likely to grow brisker as the numerous prosecutions proceed. The public will keep tab on those that are bought.

It is no violation of state secrets to announce that the American ambassador will not make her debut under this administration.

Bryan has notified the Oklahoma constitutional convention of his willingness to shoulder the burdens of advisor-in-chief.

E. H. Harriman said the other day "I would give up all my wealth tomorrow if I could." Wonder what's holding him?

Anti-Hearst Democrats have taken occasion to remind Governor Hughes that they also voted at the recent election.

A Buffalo bigamist has just confessed to marrying one hundred women. Chicago will have to come again.

After all no greater material blessing can be conferred on the country than an industrial peace.

WOULD DREDGE CANAL FROM EUGENE TO CORVALLIS

To the Editor:—There is considerable discussion about the deepening of the Willamette so as to make it navigable to Eugene. I presume the intention is to have this work done by the national government.

It seems to me that it would be unwise to attempt such a work while there is so much other work which this government has begun and should complete. This country is vitally interested in having the jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw completed so that the lumber and produce of the west slope can be shipped out at all times without delay, and a strong pressure should be brought to bear to have that work pushed vigorously to completion.

The Willamette in this county is a very rapid stream, shallow, having numerous gravel bars and riffles, with occasional stretches of good water between, and even if a good channel could be excavated it would be filled up by the shifting sand and gravel in every freshet.

It seems to me that it would be a waste of good money to try to keep such a stream navigable. If, as some suggest, the river were to be confined within a narrow channel it would have to be of a greater depth than at present, and every increase in depth and volume of water means also an increase in speed of current, so that it would be impracticable to control boats in the rapids which would result.

On the other hand we are in the hands of a monopoly in the transportation of all our bulky commodities, and something must be done to break the strangle hold that it has upon us.

The remedy is simple and easily applied—in fact, nature has already done most of the work for us.

There is a slough that crosses Willamette street at about Seventeenth street that runs west, and I believe into the Long Tom. The Long Tom is a very sluggish stream, and finally flows into the Willamette. In all the distance from Willamette street to Corvallis a canal could be dredged out, following the lines of those streams mentioned for the most part, and there would be very little dredging to be done. If a channel six feet deep and fifty feet wide were made running from Eugene to Corvallis, the natural surface water would be ample to float canal boats for more than six months every year and by putting in locks at intervals of a few miles to check any current boats could run in either direction equally well. There would be perhaps a feeder necessary to supply water for the first few miles, but that could be easily got by running a sewer pipe from Jenkins' Point to the head of the canal.

A canal such as I have described could be cut through the loose alluvial soil at a very slight expense and as there would be very little current there would be no washing of the banks, and it would be more easily kept in repair than the mill-race now in use.

One thing should be insisted on and that is that the county court and the state should absolutely refuse to grant a franchise to any private company for such a canal, and the state or the counties directly interested should do the work, or else a canal district should be formed of the territory directly interested, which should have the right to borrow money and do the work.

The canal when completed ought to be a free highway for all boats suited to it. This canal would be a very great advantage also in that it would furnish a means of draining a large amount of the swampy land along the Long Tom that is now practically worthless.

Yours Respectfully,
JOHN H. BOWER.

WHAT'S

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A Poem for Today

PIONEERS

By Ethel Talbot



When, in the burning noon of day,
The forest wind blows sweet,
Forget not us, who made the way
Smooth ground beneath your feet.

We dug the well; we may not drink
The gold that buys not life,
Spent, in the forest's heart, we sink,
Forgotten of the strife.

Though we be old in death and toil,
Fallen and faint with thirst,
While ye shall reap the easy spoil,
Ye shall not be the first.

Ye shall come after, but no less;
No man can take our pride,
The first that broke the wilderness,
For that gain's sake we died.

The psalm of our triumph yet
Runs ringing down the years,
Ye have the fame, but ye forgot
We were the pioneers.



Modern Ethical Ideals

By President HADLEY of Yale

THE men whom you could trust to help a weaker neighbor nevertheless go to all lengths to hurt a weaker COMPETITOR for money or for office. A man who in private life would despise snobbishness and servility of every kind will IN BUSINESS OR POLITICS cringe to the stronger power for the sake of his own PERSONAL advantage.

No wrong was ever stopped by this talk of men who objected to that wrong chiefly because SOMEBODY ELSE got the benefit of it. Liberty, democracy and constitutional government are each in their places invaluable means to the public interest. Liberty is essential to progress; democracy is needed to prevent revolution; constitutional government is requisite for that CONTINUITY AND ORDERLINESS OF LIVING without which no law is possible.

But when any one of these principles is made not a means, BUT AN END, which justifies its use in the interests of class instead of the general interests of society it becomes a MENACE instead of a protection.

LIBERTY FOR EACH MAN TO SERVE SOCIETY IN HIS OWN WAY IS GOOD. WHEN IT IS USED TO JUSTIFY HIM IN DISREGARDING THE INTERESTS OF SOCIETY IT IS INADMISSIBLE.

Democracy is right when used as a means of keeping the government in touch with public opinion. It is wrong when it encourages a temporary majority to say that their vote, based on insufficient information and ANIMATED BY SELFISH MOTIVES, can be identified with public opinion concerning what is best for society as a whole.

Constitutional safeguards are absolutely necessary to make any measure of liberty or democracy possible, but when they are used to protect the liberties of A CLASS BENT ON ITS OWN INTEREST rather than as a means for the general interest of society they cease to become a safeguard and become a means of peril.

A Hymn for Today

CORONATION

By Edward Perronet

EDWARD PERRONET (London, 1736-1792), an eccentric preacher associated with the Wesleyans, would have been long ago forgotten but for his one great hymn. He wrote several other hymns, but they have all passed out of use, while this one has been given a place in the group of the four greatest Christian hymns. Its theme of the universal Lord ruling all nations has made it a favorite with congregations in "every kindred, every tribe," and gatherings in India and in Africa and in China sing it with the same emphasis as those at home. In the United States it is usually sung to the tune "Coronation," while in other lands "Miles Lane" is used. The last verse of the hymn is said to have been added by John Rippon in 1817.



U. hall the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hall the strength of Israel's might
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him, who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

Stimners, whose love can ne'er forget
The worn and weary gail,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.



MARRIED.

At the home of the bride's parents, four miles north of Eugene, December 4, 1906, at 6 o'clock p. m., Miss Eleanor M. Loomis and Samuel R. Gilliam, were married by Rev. J. G. Goss (Gregory), of the Lebanon M. E. church. The spacious parlor was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the nuptial knot was tied in the presence of relatives and immediate friends. After congratulations the company fled into the dining room, and as they entered the eye was met with many members of the evergreen family—holly, mistletoe, fir, cedar, Oregon grape and others, which were represented in the decorations. Next was the display of good things and delicacies which greeted the vision as places were assigned at the great tables which contained the wedding dinner. The bride is an accomplished and popular school teacher of Lane county, while the groom is an enterprising farmer of Wasco county, owning a farm near The Dalles. As the young couple start on the voyage of life they will be followed by the best wishes of a large concourse of friends.

Sloat—Howe.
On Saturday, December 22, 1906, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Sexton, Vancouver, Washington, Charles W. Sloat to Miss Allie Howe. After a short visit with Mrs. Sloat's sister, Mrs. Geo. Nelson, of Salem, the newly married couple returned to Eugene, where they will reside. The groom is well known in this city and the bride is a daughter of Henry Howe, who resides on West Tenth street.

Dr. Lowe, the optician, will be in his Eugene office all next week.

ZION NEWS ITEMS.

(Special Correspondence.)
Zion, Dec. 25.—The shooting match at Mooney yesterday was well attended and a number of chickens were carried away to make Christmas dinners for the winners.

Floyd Edwards, of Fall Creek, is here visiting his brother, R. C. Edwards.

Charles Chandle is home from Donna, where he has been employed in a logging camp.

C. L. Williams will soon start his logging camp at Fisher Rock.

Asher Veach and wife visited at Zion today.

Our school has been closed until after the holidays. Mrs. Fenton is giving good satisfaction to the patrons of the school.

Rev. Moore, of the Divinity School, will preach at the Lost Valley schoolhouse the first Sunday in January.

Will Kelsay was seen in our midst Sunday.

John F. Parker and wife, of Donna, are spending the Xmas holidays with his parents, and will visit old friends a few days before they return home.

A. W. Jacobs expects his two daughters from North Bend, Or., to visit him in a few days.

ELMIRA NEWS ITEMS.

(Special Correspondence.)
Elmira, Dec. 25.—Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist church last night was a splendid success.

Professor Charles Gilson has gone home to McMinnville to spend the holidays with his parents.

James Jeans, of the Palouse country, is visiting his relatives in these parts.

Ben Inman has bought H. L. Brown's brown Swiss cattle. There are six head of them, and they are all prize winners. One of them brought first prize at the Lewis and Clark fair, one first prize at the Sacramento, and the bunch won over \$300 in prizes at Salem last fall.

Ira Inman's little boy is on the sick list this week.

It seems that those who have timber claims to sell are the lucky fellows nowadays.

There will be two weeks' vacation at the Elmira school.

Miss Reta Bradford closed a very successful term of school Friday in the Fir Grove district.

The Late Henry E. Ankeny (Pendleton Tribune.)
In the death of Henry E. Ankeny the state of Oregon has lost one of its best and most progressive citizens. For the past forty-five years or more he has been an active man of affairs, always engaged in some undertaking that had for its object the development of a new enterprise. He was a miner in his early life in Eastern Oregon and in Idaho, and afterwards an extensive farmer in the Willamette valley, and from there went to Jackson county and developed a placer mine which within a few years produced more gold each year than any other in Southern Oregon. This mine he sold a few years ago and his attention had since been devoted to irrigation matters in land which he had bought.

Henry Ankeny was for twenty years a familiar figure at the prominent gatherings of Republicans wherever held, and his advice was always sought for its coolness and good judgment. He was a man of warm impulses, always frank, open-hearted and open-handed, plain in his

manner and loyal to the best interests of the state of Oregon. But he had done a good work and done it manfully, often in the face of great discouragements, and in the course of time his summons came. He will be kindly remembered by thousands for whom he had always a warm greeting and the sympathy for his family in their loss will find kindly expression in every part of the state.

DIED.

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, at his home on Camp Creek, of cancer of the stomach, W. W. Craig, aged 77 years, 5 months and 3 days.

Deceased was born in Ohio and has been a resident of Lane county for many years. He leaves a wife and six children, four sons and two daughters. The funeral services were held by Rev. Platts, of Thurston, on Monday, December 24, at 10 a. m. Interment in Camp Creek cemetery.

LIVE NEWS ITEMS

FROM COBURG CITY.

Notes of General and Personal Interest from Our Thriving Neighbor on the North.

Coburg, Dec. 17.—Miss Estelle Howe, of Creswell, was visiting here last Saturday.

Miss Florence Dorsay, of Junction City, is spending several weeks with relatives here.

J. H. Berkshire and family returned to their Goshen home Saturday.

Chas. Cochrane and family, who have resided in this vicinity for a number of years, recently sold their home here and removed to Salem.

Mrs. P. R. Irvine and family left for Twisp, Wash., last week, where they will locate on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wigle have leased the boarding house from Mrs. Irvine.

Mrs. Sam Darling and the little son of O. P. Strickler, who have been seriously ill, are reported convalescent.

The school teachers are preparing a Christmas program which will be rendered at the Coburg W. O. W. hall next Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sidwell contemplate a trip to California in the near future for the benefit of Mrs. Sidwell's health.

The night shift for the planer of the Roth-Kelly Company has closed down indefinitely.

Born—December 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoyt, a son.

Miss Edna Hofflein is spending the week with relatives in Eugene.

Mrs. J. Richardson, of Springfield, is spending a few weeks in Coburg.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Maciel Leach on the occasion of her sixteenth birthday, Thursday evening, by her school mates. About twenty gathered at the home of the Misses Neff and proceeded in a body to the house. A very pleasant evening was spent with games, conversation and refreshments. The surprises were themselves surprised by the arrival of three unexpected guests with their dolls and a charming serenade by several young men.

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