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On Christmas Decorations.

Christmas is a thing of psychology. It is not more a date or a season than a feeling in the hearts of people, of good will and kind thought, one for the others. The season, having its inspiration in the anniversary of the coming on earth of a very great exemplar of these qualities, serves to encourage and emphasize and spread them.

The greater and more varied the outward physical signs and symbols of the Christmas season held up to people, the greater will the response be in the manifestation of the Christmas spirit—of good will, of kind thought and of giving. That is how psychology works. If one sees wherever he goes signs and symbols and decorations appropriate to Christmas, he will inevitably give thought to Christmas. And it will be good for him. It is good for us all.

Because these things are true, the plan of the Eugene chamber of commerce to decorate the streets of Eugene and make them look "Christmasy" is a fine plan. Its execution does credit to the organization which is its sponsor. And of course there will be full co-operation and participation by Eugene business houses. It is the Eugene way to do things up right. By all means let's make things look like Christmas. Then we shall all feel like Christmas and have Christmas.

Farmers And Business Men.

To pursue a little further the subject discussed yesterday concerning the farmers' problem and farmers' aloofness from the business man of town and city, what do the farmers themselves think should be done as a means toward the solving of their difficulties? Have they any better or more workable plan to offer than that of organizing among themselves for the marketing of their products and the general organization and conduct of their business? Is there among them a settled idea as to what should be done to remedy conditions which not only they but all people concede to be unfortunate and wrong? Do they desire aid toward such an end?

In the last campaign there was contention that farmers wanted, as measures of legislation in their behalf, some of the things advocated by La Follette. The election results showed that only a small minority of them favored those measures. They voted very much as the rest of the country voted.

What the farmers want in results is plain enough. They want fair prices for their products in relation to other prices. In that they are on ground that is absolutely sound, and their position is incontrovertible. But how do farmers themselves think such a result can be attained? Is there unanimity of thought on the subject among them?

Mr. Vining, in his chamber of commerce address, declared there was need for a getting together of farmers and business men. He stated truth when he said that business men are sincerely interested in farmers and want to see them prosper. Business prosperity depends upon productive prosperity. It is in the interest of business to see farming prosperous. To state these latter facts is one thing. To get farmers to accept them is another. How to do it is the first problem for those business men to solve who desire and intend to help the farmers. On the farmers' side the first step would seem to be to depart from their present policy of aloofness.

The Guard opposed the public use and welfare amendment in the recent campaign, on the ground that it was not understandable and that a good rule was to vote no on any measure whose purpose was not clear to the voter in casting his ballot. The amendment carried overwhelmingly. Like The Guard, the Medford Mail-Tribune had opposed it. It is asking now for somebody who voted for the amendment to arise and explain what it signifies. The request seems fair enough. Let them explain it and tell why it was passed. We nominate The Oregonian.

The tax supervision commission at Portland has refused money to provide bases for handsome statues of George Washington and Joan of Arc, respectively, which Dr. Henry Waldo Coe wants to present to the city. Dr. Coe says he may take his statues elsewhere and mentions Seattle. Why not the campus of the University of Oregon, Dr. Coe? You are a citizen of Oregon, not Washington. No place that could be selected would afford finer natural surroundings or more appreciative and cultured beholders than would the university campus.

Over at the new Lowell theater building they have stripped away the wooden forms from the concrete. And the roof is on. And the partitions which are to separate the stores in the long row fronting on Willamette street are framed. Soon interior work on the theater auditorium will be under way. Before we know it the stores will be completed and occupied, the mighty organ in the theater will be booming and the show will be on. That's progress.

The American farm bureau federation wants a man appointed secretary of agriculture who knows agriculture and has a business head. The farmers are entitled to the best man available for the position.

Austen Chamberlain, British foreign minister, is well pleased with the league of nations. His approval is based on the league's most marked failure to date—its failure to function in the Egyptian crisis.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

A Poor Loser.
(Medford Mail-Tribune)
Someone has sent us a copy of Senator LaFollette's magazine in which "Fighting Bob" explains why he was beaten in the recent election. There were, according to the Wisconsin senator, two chief reasons—a

huge republican slush fund, and organized intimidation of the voters. This is certainly a strange diagnosis, from the man who claims to be such a stalwart champion of the dear common people.
For if Mr. LaFollette's explanation is correct, then there is only one con-

clusion to be drawn—a majority of the people of this country are either crooks or cowards.

The man who sells his political convictions for cash, or the man who in the privacy of the election booth, sacrifices his political preferences through fear, is either dishonest, or hasn't the courage of a Pomeranian poodle.
Assuming the Wisconsin senator is sincere in this diagnosis, he need go no further for the proper explanation than to analyze himself. Any man whose mental processes can be so disordered by defeat, can not possess those qualities necessary for any extensive political success.
The people of this country instinctively distrust LaFollette and his political program—and they trusted President Coolidge and his program; there is the explanation of the LaFollette debacle, and when the bitterness of defeat has passed away, this is the explanation, Senator LaFollette will be forced to accept.

The Christmas Spirit.
(Roseburg News-Review)
Roseburg's main streets have been again decorated with evergreens, and at the corner of Jackson and Cass streets a large Christmas tree is displayed and will be decorated with electric lights, thus adding a Christmas spirit that will be most pleasing. This is the sort of energy that makes the natives sit up and take notice and is a fine spirit to show at this particular time of the year.

The Fame of Corvallis.
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
Corvallis is in the lime light again, this time in sunny France. A Paris magazine has recently discovered that we held a book fair here a few years ago and has copied extracts from an article written at the time by Mrs. C. E. Ingalls of this city for an eastern magazine. The comments are to the effect that it wouldn't do Paris any harm to imitate its far western contemporary in this regard. Quite right. Paris might also be improved by imitating Corvallis in a good many other ways. In fact, we quite set the pace here for Paris in any other city. The comment in the Paris magazine is commendatory and the writer seems somewhat surprised at so much enterprise in a small town. The Paris magazine found its way into the state library at Salem from which it was sent to Corvallis by the state librarian Miss Marvin.

Too Many.
(Salem Statesman)
The proposition is to have two more normal schools. That is a mighty fine way of overdoing it. We do need more normal schools, but just two more. We need one out in eastern Oregon or some place like Pendleton, Baker or La Grande, and we need one down in the neighborhood of Klamath Falls, Ashland or Medford. But ten schools would simply mean that none of them would amount to anything and all of them would turn out inferior teachers.

The state of Washington has three normal schools and it has twice our population.

As the World Wags

By FRANK FAY EDDY

THE COST of civilization mounts. One does not need to seek proof that taxes increase and that the relative number of taxpayers decline as the horde of taxpayers increase. Every other person you meet is a recipient in some way of public funds, as official or one who has official's patronage, as pensioner, national guardsmen, employee or what not.

IN ADDITION there are the things we need to keep up appearances or to enjoy ourselves in such a state of society as we have. We are bedeviled by things. Is it not so? Statisticians tell us of the millions of automobiles owned in the United States and the other millions of pianos and other music producing machines sitting in our living rooms and now to rent we have to pay to own a radio set is the thing. Of course we must have telephones and electricity for a hundred purposes and sewers and highways and a navy to patrol the

FORBIDDEN!
By KATHERINE MOORE
Author of "Love"

TOM BARNEY TAKES HIS ADVANTAGE

After Kent had returned the diamond to Victor Lechman I almost forgot Tom Barney. Now that the diamond was back, all danger of detection seemed past. It never entered my head that as long as Tom Barney knew the truth of things there was still danger of being discovered.

Then one day the realization of what Tom Barney might do was brought forcibly before me. He called me up on the telephone early in the morning.
"Can I stop in again this afternoon to see you for a while, Barbara?" he asked eagerly.
"Oh, come now, Barbara—please?" he teased.
"No, I'd rather not let you, Tom. Kent would not understand, and I don't want to deceive him in any way."

"You are not very grateful," he returned. "You forget that you asked me not to do anything to hurt Kent and that I have honored your request. I have done that for you, and you refuse to reward me ever so little."

ABE MARTIN



John W. Davis is getting lots of bouquets for taking his defeat so gracefully, but we'll bet he took it as a matter of course. Mrs. LaFollette has served notice that she'll have her law on anybody that invites her husband to a house party.

seas and an army to parade the land and policemen and firemen and now a new crew of sleuths belonging to the prohibition enforcement band. All this costs money. Taxes mount with every new social want.

THE TROUBLE is that there are but two sources of wealth—land and labor. That is labor expended on natural resources produces all the raw sources of wealth. Ancient civilizations were founded on slavery and spoliation of weaker nations. Now we have wage workers instead of slaves and wage earners are finding ways of putting up wages to the pot which they can pay the price of civilization and share in the good things being passed along.

LABOR UNREST exists and will continue as the natural expression of men and women responding to the lure of a civilization which exalts more and more the things which make for comfort and luxury. Organized labor has been successful enough in many trades to make the rewards of the overall job exceed those of the white collar job.

THE FARMER is as yet unfortunately handicapped. The rate of wages for farm help has soared beyond his ability to pay. His own labor and that of his family paid in produce grows relatively less year by year. The price his grain or fruit or live stock brings is fixed by world supply and demand. His relief is not to be secured by easier credit and only in small measure by cooperative marketing. The kind of relief he needs is suggested by the economic results of the world war when for a time he sat on top of the world.

AT PRESENT our civilization is adjusted to a wage scale and to a scale of government expenditure which the farmer cannot meet. We have a taxation which does not permit anything but intensively tilled and unusually fortunate farms in matter of location to be going concerns, solvent according to the standards of business which means not only paying taxes and rewarding labor adequately but as well paying interest on investment. How many beautiful ranches are there in this country and in every corner in Oregon which will not rent for enough to pay taxes and upkeep, allowing the owner zero for his investment.

WHEN the farmer comes to his own again, we will pay more and eat less. Truly civilization is expensive.

Oregon Briefs

For the first time in the history of Clatsop county the county tax roll this year will exceed \$2,000,000.

At a recent meeting of the Coos Bay Water company at Marshfield

about the tin stock. But I had only done it to try to keep him from telling about the diamond. Now I did not like to, because he had it in his power to harm Kent.

"May I smoke?" he asked, seating himself on the end of the couch.
I said "Yes," reluctantly. Kent might smell the tobacco smoke when he came home, unless I had time to air the room well before 6 o'clock. I could pretend that I had been smoking myself. I knew Kent did not like me to, but that would be the best way out of it.

Tom pulled out a cigarette, and fitted it carefully into a long slender, violet colored cigarette holder. He poked a couple of cushions back of his head.
"Oh, say—will you get me a match, Barbara? I'm so comfortable."

J. N. Teal of Portland was reelected president. The system will be greatly improved during the next year.

During the past year North Bend has shipped 50,000,000 feet of lumber to Japan, 20,000,000 to Australia, 10,000,000 to China and 4,000,000 feet to South America.

Construction of a new 10-ton capacity mill and the blocking out of thousands of tons of valuable ore are progressing rapidly at the Gold Hill mine near Durkee in Baker county.

The Jordan valley irrigation project in Malheur county will be completed and the water will be running by June 1, according to the contractor's who are doing the work.

Cost of maintaining Klamath county during the next fiscal year, including the county's portion of the state tax, is placed at \$908,323 in the final report of the budget committee.

Judge George B. Jones of St. Cloud, Minn., known all over Minnesota as "Jones the Rock," is on his way with his family to Astoria, where he will practice law.

Eugene 25 Years Ago

(From The Guard Dec. 14, 1899)

W. M. Renshaw went to Portland today.

Mrs. W. L. Houston of Junction City, deputy grand chief of honor, is in Eugene making a canvass in favor of instituting a Degree of Honor lodge here. From what we learn it is almost an assured fact that such a lodge will be instituted in Eugene.

J. E. Young is a visitor in Eugene from Cottage Grove.

The Willamette Poultry association opened its third annual show this morning at the corner of Ninth and Pearl streets. At noon all entries had been brought in, and officers of the association were busy registering and classifying the birds. The attendance is good and all indications are for a successful show.

Work on the new university building is at a stand-still.

Fred Bellman and George T. Hall visited Portland yesterday.

A heavy frost this morning. The thermometer just touched the freezing point at 6 o'clock this morning.

A partial eclipse of the moon will take place next Saturday night, visible somewhat here.

The Ladies Musical club is planning to hold a meeting, Monday, December 15.

E. R. Bryson has been appointed deputy district attorney of Benton county, and therefore has resigned as justice of the peace.

In Lighter Vein

Cross-Words Enucleated (Boston Transcript)

It is claimed that the Cross-Word craze will improve our vocabulary. "The Cross-Word Puzzle Book, Third Series," goes so far as to give a sample conversation between two addicts, as follows:

Mrs. W.—By the way, didn't I hear that your little Junior met with an accident?
Mrs. F.—Yes. The little calf fell from an apple and fractured his arm.
Mrs. W.—Egad!
Mrs. F.—And to make matters worse, Dr. Bloop botched it so we had to trek into town for a specialist.
Mrs. W.—The zany!
Mrs. F.—Joe's ire was so aroused that he told Dr. Bloop right to his visage that he was a dolt and an art. Query by us: Where did Joe get his "ort" definition?

Where Everybody Is Boxed (London Humorist)
An undertaker has recently suggested that his profession should be given a more attractive name. Why not call his shop the Box Office?

The Job That Cheers (The Continent)
The son of the house had made a name for himself at football at his college, and his experiences were discussed one evening at dinner when the minister was a guest.

"You know, Jack," put in the pastor, "athletics are all very good in their way, but your studies are more important."

"That's what father says, too," replied Jack. "But father never gets up and cheers when he hears me quoting Latin the way he does when he sees me score a goal."

His Lucky Night (The Pathfinder)
Rastus was sporting proudly a new shirt, when a friend asked: "How many yards does it take for a shirt like that?"

Rastus replied: "I got three shirts like this out of one yard last night."

Modern (The Owl)
Co.—"Don't you think Connie looks spirituelle in that gown?"
Edna—"Well, I admit there is not much of the material about her."

All On Ice (American Legion Weekly)
Biggs—"Gonna make any New Year's resolutions?"
Jiggs—"Don't need any."
Biggs—"How come?"
Jiggs—"Haven't used the ones I made back in 1920 yet."

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

IS IT NOT to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house, when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?—Isaiah 58:7.

Bible Question.
(Look up the answer.)
Is it well to sit in judgment over another?—Matt. 7:1.

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWN

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Vicinity

COTTAGE GROVE

COTTAGE GROVE, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Virginia Wilks and Roger Lawrence, on their way to Cottage Grove where they attend high school, ran off the road with their car near Veatch spur about 8:30 Friday morning. The car turned over and went into the ditch breaking the glass top, and cutting Miss Wilks on both legs. The wounds bled profusely, soaking her clothes. The wound in the left hip was very deep and a large piece of glass fell from it while Dr. Kipat was dressing the wounds. Miss Wilks said one was to blame but themselves. Mr. Lawrence was not hurt.

Samuel Adcock from Amarillo, Texas, has been visiting the Woodson families. This is his first trip to Oregon.
Irelda of the Anderson and Middleton companies are here from Aberdeen and Montevideo, Wash. They are here making an inspection of the whole works of the company. There are six in the party.
Mrs. L. A. Powell had an abscess removed from her throat Thursday. The new bridge over Cedar Creek has been in use for the past week. It is a covered wooden bridge, and is used to haul to and from the Wiese brothers sawmill.

William Teiford and family came up Friday from Roseburg and are visiting Mrs. Teiford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sams.

Lee and Harry Tennis motored to Ceneralia, Wash., Saturday and returned with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tennis.

Mrs. Robert Hanna went to Eugene Friday to see Mr. Stripp who is in the hospital.

Mr. Harriet E. Larson returned from a six weeks' visit in Portland with her son, Bernard, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Freeson came Sunday from Portland and went to Star where Mr. Freeson will speak for the Anderson-Middleton company.

Mrs. Henry Veatch went to Portland Friday to visit her niece, Mrs. H. B. Sams and family.

Victor Parrand from Portland visited with the A. N. Ward family Friday.

Charles Murphy from Portland came Friday and is visiting the Robert Canady family.

The Past Grands club surprised Mrs. John Veatch Thursday.

A surprise handkerchief shower was given Mrs. Clarence Stoneburg at the home of Mrs. Stoneburg's mother, Mrs. Bert Stoneburg on West Main street Friday night. Refreshments were served.

CRESWELL

CRESWELL, Dec. 13.—(Special)—A group of about 20 ladies enjoyed a social afternoon Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. E. Woodson, honoring Mrs. Jack Hyett, who will leave to make her home near Silverton. Mrs. Woodson and Mrs. Arthur Olson were joint hostesses. It was a complete surprise to Mrs. Hyett. After a social hour the guests were invited to the dining room where places were set for 20 guests. Christmas decorations were used for the tables. Christmas favors were at each plate. The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. Alvis Weeks. The guests were: Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. J. Maaranen, Mrs. Earl Ward, Mrs. F. D. Lacey, Mrs. C. L. Weber, Mrs. A. Olson, Mrs. W. Lower, Mrs. John Beak, Mrs. C. Leabo, Mrs. Roy Kuni, Mrs. Lee, Land, Mrs. Roy Clark, Mrs. Otto Olson, Mrs. Cora Olson, Misses Galtner and Hazel Taylor, Edna Zinkler, and Miss Phetplace, and the honor guest, Mrs. Jack Hyett, Mrs. Alvis Weeks of Cottage Grove and the hostesses, Mrs. Woodson and Mrs. Arthur Olson.

The Parent-Teacher association has the following program arranged for Monday afternoon and invite all parents and patrons of the school to be present: Ten minutes singing; old songs; reading, Mrs. Irma Fuller; topic, "Social Life in the Home"; books, Mrs. O. H. Sedgwick; music, Mrs. H. V. Mathews; selection, male quartet; recitation, H. C. Travillion; reading, Mr. Cray; motion song, Margorie Travillion, Nellie and Harriet Olson.

The M. W. A. will hold their annual election of officers this evening. Miss Belle Scott visited Mrs. Ol Parsons in Eugene Wednesday and Thursday.

Creswell Church of Christ. Interested crowds listened to the messages brought by Mr. Ashur and Miss Harding last Sunday. Next Sunday Dec. 14, Mrs. Louise Kellens of Eugene who has traveled in Palestine and the Bible lands during the past summer will give an address at the morning service. It will be very educational and we wish to invite every one who can to hear it. The evening sermon by the pastor will be on "The Crucified Christ." Our holiday evangelistic meetings will begin Dec. 21. Watch for the announcements. Oscar A. Cooper, pastor.

DORENA

DORENA, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Mrs. Rosa Pitcher went to Eugene Saturday for medical treatment and stopped over to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Putman, of Mosby creek for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Short and children of Cottage Grove visited over the week-end with Mrs. Short's aunt, Mrs. James Redford of this place.

The diphtheria around here has been checked and the school has gained its regular attendance again.

Miss Florence Land who has been employed at Cottage Grove is home again for awhile at Dorena.

Miss Geneva Hales who is taking a business course at Eugene visited the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bales of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kirk and C. H. Jennings were Grove visitors from here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings and grandchildren Robert and Faye Englund, visited Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Miles Wicks of Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Land and Andrew Land of Rujada passed through Dorena en route to Cottage Grove Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Volgamore who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas Teeters for the past few weeks moved their household goods to Rujada.

JUNCTION CITY

JUNCTION CITY, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Mrs. Clara Dick and children of Myrtle Point are visiting at the Nibert home.

Ike Sanders was up for the first time since his accident, Tuesday. He is able to be about on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shields of Mabel were week-end visitors at the D. M. Shields home.

Mrs. F. N. Stone of Cottage Grove was visiting relatives and friends in Junction City Wednesday.

Mrs. George Nielson of Pasco, Wash., arrived Wednesday for a visit with friends. She is staying with Mrs. Dave Strome.

Mrs. A. H. Sprinkle has returned to her home in Roseburg after a few days spent here visiting friends.

Mrs. William Schuman of Norton has been quite ill since Saturday but is better at this time.

Miss Jaunka Hansen has arrived from North Dakota to spend the winter with her grandmother, Mrs. Sam Omderson.

William Dyer and Charlie Smith came in Tuesday evening from Klamath Falls and will visit William's father, William Dyer and other friends until January 1 when they will return to their work in a box factory at Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Enright and son John and daughter Kathleen left for Everett, Wash., the first of the week. They were called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Enright's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Snider of Wenatchee, Wash., enroute to California for the winter visited with relatives, W. W. Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Omderson.

CLEAR LAKE

CLEAR LAKE, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Harry Billime who has been on a two months visit from Corvallis returned here Thursday for his home.

Elmo Rutherford of North was up on a visit with his last week.

The Women's Home Economic met with Mrs. George Boqua Tuesday.

Paul Brown of Klamath Falls, two small children are down with his folks.

Word has been received from Zanzibar, formerly of Clear that he now holds position as band master for the Robinsons with headquarters at Kansas Mo.

Say It With Rose Bushes They Last Longer Christmas Gifts

What would the better, more satisfactory and lasting than to have your home grounds landscaped properly. The right thing in the right place with shrubbery and flowering plants. Now is the proper time to plant. 25 per cent off on all work and shrubbery during December.

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