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CHEER UP

Bend is only one of a great number of sawmill towns. Throughout the Northwest there are scores of others. In Minnesota, mills are still running, and even in the old lumber centers in New England a few small operations are carried on. Except for the mills west of the Cascades, in the sections where freezing temperatures are rare, nearly all of these are forced to shut down for months at a time in the winter because of the weather conditions. At Klamath Falls, for instance, the mills are idle for several months during the winter. The same is true of mills in Idaho and Montana and Eastern Washington, which do not use steam ponds. Temporary shutdown, then, is frequently to be expected in sawmill towns.

Here in Bend the mills have been closed once because of weather conditions and occasionally, for short periods, for repairs. Having become accustomed to this sort of continuous operation, the town has been spoiled, and when, a few weeks ago, it became known that business conditions might force a shutdown, everything took on a blue tinge and everybody prophesied ruin.

The time for the shutdown is here and what do we find? In the first place, an announcement by the Brooks-Scanlon company that it will continue to operate at least one shift in the mill, and as much in other departments as possible. Next, the news from The Sheelin-Hixon Company that, while closing its mill, it also will continue in other departments and, at the same time, begin on improvements that look ultimately to additions to the milling capacity. There is the whole awful news. And, gosh! Ain't it awful!

The trouble with us is that we have been so accustomed to almost perfect conditions we shiver when there seems any chance of a slight

break. For a few weeks now, things will not be perfect, but if we have been wise in the past few years, it will be some time before we have to tighten our belts—unless we take in the slack caused by dropping a little fat, and fat is an unhealthy condition, anyway.

For heaven's sake, forget it. Cheer up. Business as usual. And if anyone admits he's feeling downhearted, make him join the Commercial club, buy some Christmas seals and send in his \$10 for those starving children over in Europe.

FEED AND CLOTHE THEM

(Portland Telegram.)
President Wilson has called upon the generous people of this country to respond to the cries of 3,500,000 starving children in Europe. The response should be prompt and generous.

Herbert Hoover made an impressive statement when he said that this great army of starving children was not demobilized after the fighting ceased.

Many of these children have been insufficiently nourished ever since the war began. The picture of them painted by Americans who have visited Europe during the past year would melt a heart of stone.

Hoover wants to raise \$33,000,000 to sustain these children throughout the long winter. One-third of a dollar from every American would provide the fund, and there are comparatively few Americans who are not able to contribute their quota.

Of course this colossal charity could not be equitably distributed throughout our land. But, howsoever it may be distributed, it cannot be a heavy burden on anyone.

We are approaching a holiday where our own children are prominently in the foreground—the great children's holiday of Christendom. While we are preparing for their joy, let all of us set aside something for the millions of children to whom Christmas will bring no joy. Let all of us help to feed and clothe them.

RENTS

The Bulletin has received a letter complaining about rents in Bend and asking why we do not write an article about the rent question here. To start the discussion, perhaps it would be best to reprint the communication, which is as follows:

"Why don't you write an article about the rent question in Bend.

Food and everything has come down. The men's wages are cut in the mills, but rent is the same or more, even than during the war. People must pay high rent for the meanest kind of a shack and have no voice in the matter. I am paying \$25 for a house that in any other place would rent for \$15 at the most. Something surely ought to be done about it, for it is not right that rent should be so much higher than other things."

It is probably the fact that our correspondent is right, and that rents in Bend are high, the cause being found in the law of supply and demand. In the past few years the population of Bend has increased by leaps and bounds. There has been an almost constant and acute shortage of houses to care for the increasing population, and those who have houses to be rented have found it impossible to charge rents that were higher than was justified if the matter were looked at from the viewpoint of return on investment alone. There is another side to the question, however, which is that all houses built in the past few years have been built at peak prices and with money at high interest rates. As prices go down these houses will come into competition with lower priced ones that can rent for lower figures. No owner can be criticized for seeking to obtain a return now that will enable him to compete with lower priced property later.

Then, too, it must be remembered that no one is obliged to build houses to be rented. Whenever the housing shortage is acute in any part of the country there is much talk that something should be done about it, but we believe it has never been satisfactorily decided who should do it. An attempt to better conditions in Portland failed miserably. No public agency has satisfactorily dealt with the situation that has been universal in the United States in the past few years. The matter has always come back to a question of individual initiative and investment, and when the individual has gone into the business, it has been on the basis of investment return and security.

We think our correspondent is wrong as to wage reductions. Some articles of food and certain kinds of merchandise have lowered in price, but this fact has no direct bearing on rents. These prices have decreased because the market has been supplied with goods at lower prices. There is no new supply of

houses at lower prices as yet, though there undoubtedly will be later, and then, as pointed out above, rents will go down.

The best answer to the high rent question is always "Build your own home." And here in Bend that is not a mere turn of words. The mill companies, whose employees form the greatest part of the population, have been ready to help them at all times, and there are scores of persons who have taken the opportunity to cut out rent paying to another.

And that would be our answer to our correspondent, "Build your own home."

COMMUNICATIONS.

NEW YORKER YEARS FOR DESCHUTES

Portland, Ore., Dec. 7, 1920.
To the Editor: An appreciation of the treasures that are ours is appreciated by newspaper men and their readers. I am inclosing an extract from Rev. A. Ray Petty of New York to his father, which was not written for publication, but which the better shows the fascination our beautiful country of the Deschutes has upon many outsiders who visit us.—A Lover of Central Oregon.

The Call of the Deschutes.
Sometimes we do not fully appreciate the blessings of nature which are ours until we are shut away from them in some large city, almost out of sight of trees and flowers and skyline.

Deschutes county is wonderfully favored with nature's best. Outdoors are coming to realize this more and more.

Last summer the two sons of Rev. Alonzo M. Petty (who was spending his vacation upon his ranch at Juniper Buttes, on the highway, midway between Bend and Redmond), Rev. A. Ray Petty of New York city and Dr. F. F. Petty of Los Angeles, with their wives, motored from Los Angeles to their father's ranch, a part of the way over The Dalles-California highway.

A recent letter from Rev. A. Ray Petty to his father discloses a longing to be back again for a breath of pure air and mountain scenery and stream which our county can furnish. He writes:

"I got your letter about your trip to the ranch. It sent thrills running all around my heart, for, while I was there only six days, I grew to love

it very much. I do not think I have ever seen a place where I would prefer more to live—if I were a farmer. That fine, clear air, that wonderful skyline, snow-clad mountains, the silver-green, fragrant junipers; the beautiful Deschutes; the quiet, calm majesty of it all, remain with me, and I hear that Oregon country calling me to come back. Some day I shall, I know. Some day I'll get out of this dirt and filth and headache and spend some happy years in that beautiful country. I think it must be sometime yet before I can come, but some time I shall live down at Deschutes—I KNOW IT!"

EASTERN STAR HAS ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Mrs. J. Edward Larson Chosen To Head Chapter—Installation To Be On Night of December 27th.

Mrs. J. Edward Larson was chosen as worthy matron to head the Bend chapter, Order of Eastern Star, during the coming year. Appointive officers were to be named this week and installation will be held at the meeting on the evening of Monday, December 27.

Other elective officers elected Monday are: Charles W. Hayes, worthy patron; Mrs. W. R. Speck, associate matron; Mrs. J. Alton Thompson, secretary; Mrs. D. G. McPherson, treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Vandever, conductress; Mrs. Charles W. Hayes, associate conductress.

Aged Indian Never in Bed.

Minneapolis, Minn.—John Smith, an aged Chippewa Indian, arrived in Minneapolis recently with his adopted son, Tom Smith, to attend the state fair. John, who is 133 years old, has become blind since his last visit to Minneapolis a year ago. His health is still good, however, he maintains. He is said to be the oldest living Indian. "I don't see any more, but I still like to travel," the old Indian said. With him he brought his blanket, upon which he sleeps, never having slept in a bed.

Fear Causes Blindness.

Wabash, Ind.—Mrs. George M. Rice of Liberty Mills is temporarily blinded as the result of stepping on a nail. The wound was not serious, but fear of blood poisoning caused the blood vessels in both Mrs. Rice's eyes to burst, according to physicians. She has taken to a Fort Wayne hospital for treatment in an effort to restore her eyesight.

The Jury's Difficulty.
"Gentlemen of the jury," said a judge as he concluded his charge, "if the evidence shows to your minds that pneumonia, even indirectly, was the cause of the man's death, the prisoner cannot be convicted." An hour later a messenger came from the jury room. "The gentlemen of the jury, your lordship," he said, "desire information." "On what point of evidence?" "None, your lordship; they want to know how to spell pneumonia."

Worth the Labor Involved.

In the old days, the Ceratopsian, or horned quadruped dinosaur, provisionally named the Eoceratops, roamed the Red Deer valley, in Alberta, Canada, and at Steepleville, 125 miles southeast of Calgary, W. E. Cutler excavated a fine ossified specimen of this huge creature. One side is almost intact. Mr. Cutler had to cut through twelve feet of rock to clear away the skeleton. He had been excavating on this one specimen for eight months.

What's in a Name?

At one time the people believed that the descendants of Judas Iscariot were living in Corfu, although those accused stoutly denied such ancestry. In Brazil an effigy of Judas is carried by the school boys to a ship where sailors hang it from the yard arm. In the Greek church at Smyrna once a year there is a ceremony at which a person is paid a great sum to impersonate Judas. Such is the feeling of the people that he who accepts this odious part is liable to retain the name through life.—Boston Post.

Idleness.

I am not the only one that condemns the idle; for once when I was going to give our minister a pretty long list of the sins of one of our people that he was asking after, I began with: "He's dreadfully lazy." "That's enough," said the old gentleman, "all sorts of sins are in that one."—C. H. Spurgeon.

Superstitions of Siam.

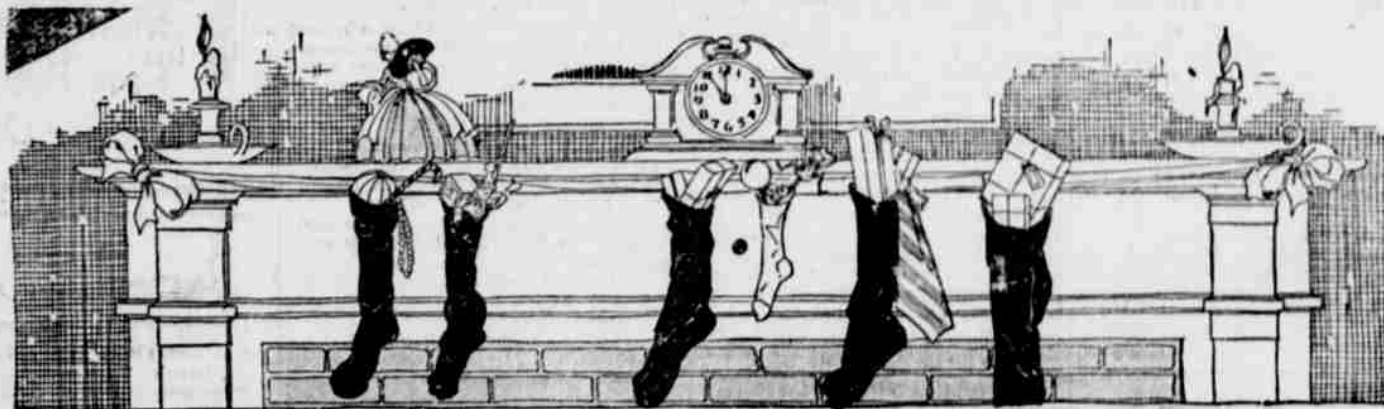
In Siam all babies receive the same name at birth. This name is Dang, which means red, and it is the only designation for some months. At birth a cord blessed by the priests is tied round the outside of the house and three balls of rice are thrown in "lucky directions."

Feminine Inconsistency.

Why is it that the girl who won't even let a man sit on the same sofa with her will let him get a strangle hold on her on a dance floor and squeeze her until you can't tell the corner ribs from the other kind?—Florida Times-Union.

GIFTS FOR WOMEN

Bath Robes—Priced \$7.45, \$10.45, \$12.45, \$14.45
Fancy Aprons—Priced at.....75c, 98c
Fancy Boudoir Caps—Priced at.....75c, 98c, \$1.25
Silk Hose—Priced at.....\$1.39, \$1.98, \$2.55
Manicure Sets—Priced at.....\$3.50 to \$11.00
Stationery—Priced at.....50c up to \$4.50
Silk Waists—Priced at.....\$5.90, \$7.90, \$9.00
Silk Petticoats—Priced at.....\$5.00, \$6.45, \$8.45
Camisoles—A Fine Line—Priced at.....\$1.49
Bead Necklaces—Priced at.....75c to \$4.00
Gold Pins and Brooches—Priced at.....50c to \$2.00
Silk Bloomers, heavy Jersey Silk, Priced at.....\$3.45
Kid Gloves—A Full Line—Priced at.....\$2.98, \$3.45, \$3.98
Sweaters, several styles & colors, Priced at.....\$6.45, \$8.45, \$10.45
Lace Collars—Priced at.....50c to \$3.00
Dress Silks—Priced at.....\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98
White Ivory—Combs, Brushes, Mirrors, Trays—A Full Line.
Fine Shoes—Our Holiday Special
A wonderful selection at \$0.90



FILL THE STOCKINGS FROM OUR STOCK OF GIFTS
Here is listed many useful, practical, dependable items, all suitable for Gifts. LOOK OVER THE LIST AND DO IT NOW.

GIFTS FOR THE GIRLS

Bath Robes at.....\$4.50 to \$7.45
Shoes at.....\$4.45, \$4.90, \$5.00
Stockings at.....39c, 49c, 69c
Handkerchiefs at.....5c to 50c
Manicure Tools.....15c, 25c, 35c
Ribbons, per yd.....49c, 59c, 69c
Neck Chains, gold filled, priced at.....50c to \$2.00
Rings, gold filled \$1.00 to \$6.00
Bead Necklaces.....50c to \$1.00
Sweaters at.....\$3.50, \$4.50, \$4.90
Perfume at.....15c, 25c, 50c
Hand Bags at.....50c to \$1.25
Middy Ties at.....50c and 75c

GIFTS FOR THE BABY

White Wool Shawls at.....\$4.98
Blankets at.....\$1.00 and \$1.35
Bath Robes at.....\$1.25 and \$2.98
Caps at.....60c to \$2.50
Sweater Jackets at.....98c to \$3.50
Dresses at.....98c to \$2.75
Toilet Sets at.....50c to \$2.95
Bootees at.....25c to 75c
Rattles at.....25c and 50c
Shoes at.....98c, \$1.15, \$1.25
Coats at.....\$2.98 to \$6.95
Play Bands at.....35c
Powder at.....20c, 25c, 50c

GIFTS for ALL THE FAMILY

Pendleton Wool Robes, priced at.....\$11.45 and \$14.75
Bath Mats.....\$2.50 and \$3.50
Table Cloths at.....\$2.00 to \$4.95
Fancy Towels at.....60c to \$1.35
Bed Spreads at.....\$3.50 to \$6.90
Dresser Scarfs at.....79c to \$1.98
Blankets, Wool Plaid at.....\$9.29
Blankets, Wool Finish.....\$4.98
Comforters, a big line, priced at.....\$3.90 to \$9.90
Hats at.....75c, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.69
Napkins, set of 6.....\$1.75, \$2.50
Table Damask, yd.....98c to \$1.75

GIFTS FOR THE BOYS

Neckties at.....50c and 65c
Bath Robes at.....\$4.50 to \$7.45
Shoes at.....\$3.50, \$4.90, \$5.00
Handkerchiefs at.....15c, 20c, 25c
Suspenders at.....50c and 60c
Stockings at.....39c, 49c, 69c
High Top Boots at.....\$6.00
Leather Mittens at.....59c
Blouses at.....60c and \$1.19
Sweaters at.....\$1.49, \$3.00, \$4.00
Outing Night Shirts.....\$1.50, \$1.79
Hats at.....75c, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.69
Scarf Pins at.....25c to \$1.00
Cuff Buttons at.....25c to \$1.00

Give Warm Felt Slippers



Women's—A full range of colors and prices.....\$1.79, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75
Men's—Greys and Browns—The Comfort kind, and priced at.....\$2.25 and \$2.50
Girls' and Boys'—Blue with Felt Soles... Come in all sizes. Priced at.....98c

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CENTEMERI GLOVES
This famous make—shown in a full range of colors.
For Women—Now priced at \$2.45, \$2.98, \$3.25, \$3.98
For Men—Priced at \$2.98
Wool Lined—Priced \$5.00

She Will Like a New Hand Bag



A suggestion to consider—A Useful, Practical Gift.
Leather Bags—Priced.....\$1.25 to \$5.50
Velvet Bags—Priced.....\$1.50 to \$7.50
Strap Back Purse—Priced.....50c to \$4.50

When in Doubt Give Handkerchiefs



Women's—At.....10c to 75c
Men's—At.....15c to \$1.00
Women's in boxes—At.....35c to \$1.25
Children's in boxes—priced as follows, 25c, 29c, 35c, 39c
Easily Selected—Easily Sent

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