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A LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS IDEA

Everybody is advising everybody else what to do to make this the best Christmas in the world since the Babe cuddled in the manger in the town called Bethlehem.

Here's our idea. See to it that this year you make one more person glad that you are alive than you did a year ago.

Widen your Christmas circle one ripple this year.

Maybe it will be the elevator boy, or the milk man, or the blind neighbor, or the bank that is nagging you about your over-due note.

No matter who it is; the further without the family circle the better; but make glad the heart of one person more this year.

Suppose we all did this, eh?

A hundred million of us; adding one person each Christmas. Why everybody, within ten years, would have so much to be happy for that nobody would get over it, and find time to nurse a grudge before Christmas came again.

We think this is the best little unpatented Christmas idea we have caught up with for a long while.

Remember, one more this Christmas, even if it takes you till New Years to get around to it.

A lot of us might well start with our wives.

SINCERITY IN BUSINESS.

Some people's idea of a business deal is two men, face to face, each suspicious of the other, each endeavoring to gain an advantage by prevarication, each making statements incorrect up to near misrepresentation.

That notion of business acumen is derived from the old horse-dealing system, where no one expected the truth to be told, and the best man was he who could work off a horse with the most imperfections.

In every community there are men whose word is as good as their bond. No statement of theirs is ever questioned, and the man dealing with them is sure of meeting fairness.

These attributes, joined with good judgment, outfit the successful business man. Perhaps he does not get the reputation of being "an awful smart fellow," but time brings him a much better one,—that of a man who his fellow citizens can always trust for honor and fair dealing.

MARKET REPORT DEC. 24, 1915.

The weeks trading received a good start Monday. There was only a fair run of cattle less than a thousand head and trading started off with lots of snap, rather a surprise to everybody since Christmas week is usually a rather slow week. There was fully a half cent advance all along the line in the cattle division;

Quotations are: Prime steers \$12.00-13.00; Good to choice steers \$11.00-12.00; Medium to good steers \$10.00-11.00; Fair to medium steers \$8.50-9.50; Common to fair steers \$7.50-8.50; Choice cows & heifers \$9.00-10.00; Medium to good cows & heifers \$7.50-8.50; Fair to medium cows & heifers \$6.50-7.50; Canners \$3.50-5.00; Bulls \$6.00-8.00; calves \$9.00-12.00; Stockers & feeders \$7.00-9.00;

On a rather large run of hogs 5000 head an advance was made of twenty five cents. Quotations are Prime mixed \$16.85-17.25; Medium mixed \$16.50-16.85; Rough heavies \$14.85-16.00; Pigs \$14.00-15.00; Bulk \$16.85-17.00;

Trading in sheep was light and probably will be during the balance of the week, prices remain steady as follow: Prime lambs \$12.00-13.00. Fair to medium lambs \$9.00-11.00; Yearlings \$10.00-11.50; Wethers \$9.00-10.00; Ewes \$6.00-8.00;

RECLAIMING WASTE LANDS.

At the close of the Civil War the United States possessed a Western public domain which seemed almost boundless in extent.

Many of the soldiers, accustomed by their military experience to an out-of-doors life, felt the call of the land. In large numbers they took up government claims and devoted themselves to a farming life.

Our great army, also coming back from a vigorous out-of-doors life, is likely to feel the same call.

Secretary Lane, realizing that we have not the desirable public lands of forty-three years ago, wisely proposes the reclamation of waste lands owned by the government, to furnish the soldiers with the opportunity of becoming farmers or fruit growers.

The secretary states that there are over two hundred million acres of waste land in the United States capable of such transformation. They consist of arid lands requiring irrigation for fertility, swamp lands requiring drainage, and cut-over forest areas, needing further clearing.

Bringing these lands to usefulness would require a large expenditure of money, but under good administration would give an immediate opportunity for labor, and would eventually provide many thousands of soldiers with their own farms.

It would also add materially to the national wealth. If he confers a benefit to humanity who "makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before," certainly a plan which makes land hitherto useless grow valuable products also benefits humanity.

SHIPPING RATE ON CATTLE CONFUSED.

The Oregon Cattle & Horse Growers Association was supposed to have secured a special rate for shipment of stock from one point to another for feeding purposes but it is confused according to information received at this office. Local cattle men who have had occasion to ship recently to the feeding grounds have not been given this rate by the agent at Crane and they have asked an investigation.

A pitiful case of deprivation deserving prompt relief has been discovered. A Society for the Presentation of Christmas Gifts to Santa Clause should be organized at once.

FARM COMMUNITY ORGANIZED—GETS RESULTS.

What a farm community can do for its own progress when the get-together spirit prevails is well shown with the Burwood community, Williamson County, Tenn. This community, encouraged by the county agent, formed an organization which embraced men's interests, women's interests, canning clubs, corn clubs, and poultry clubs. In this way they received a community charter and proceeded to work. When the wheat increase was asked, 50 acres was assigned to Burwood community; the community came across with 323 acres in 10 days. Similarly organized communities made it possible for Williamson County to pledge an increased acreage of 2,000, while the county was asked for only 1,369 acres.

KEEP CLOTH LOOKING LIKE NEW

To have fabrics, after laundering, possess their original appearance, care must be taken with colored materials that they do not fade, and with white materials that they remain snow-white. Aside from this, suggests the Department of Agriculture, much depends on the sizing of cloth. Too much stiffening spoils its appearance and too little is quite as bad.

Most housekeepers use starch for stiffening ordinary clothing. Starch keeps the clothes clean longer and also acts as an absorbent for stain, thus saving wear on the fiber by making excess friction in laundering unnecessary. Manufacturers add other substances besides starch to their finished mixture and their practices have been adopted in home laundry work with success.

For instance, borax gives smoothness; paraffin, wax or turpentine gives gloss; and alum a certain degree of pliability. The substance used to whiten is bluing, which counteracts the yellow tinge. To use any finishing process successfully the mixture must be carefully worked into the fabric to insure uniform finish. This is done by dipping in and out of the starch and bluing and rubbing well between the hands.

USE APPLES FREELY.

The only fresh fruit many families in the North have during the cold months is the apple. Different ways of utilizing this kitchen standby are sure of a welcome from the cook.

The Department of Agriculture suggests the following ways of serving the apple:

Fresh apples may be stuffed with sausage and then baked; sliced and fried in fat to serve with meats, or served raw in salads.

Canned, dried or stewed apples may be varied greatly by changing the flavors used.

Canned apples make a delicious addition to custards or souffles, adding a piquant flavor. Canned, dried or fresh, they form an acceptable basis for Brown Betty made with crumbs.

Fresh or canned, the fruit may be utilized in short cakes, and in apple sauce.

GRAZING FEES ON RE-SERVE TO INCREASE

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goes on to say:

"On several of the Forests applications have already been approved for permits during a five-year period subject to an annual reduction of five per cent to provide for the issuance of permits to new settlers, in addition to such reduction as might be necessary to prevent damage to the Forest.

"It appears that while the stockmen are willing to subject themselves to whatever restrictions are necessary for the welfare of the Forest from the standpoint of timber production or other primary purposes for which the land was set aside, yet the possibility of the five per cent annual reduction proves an embarrassment to them. It is appreciated that the assurance of continued use of the range for a specific number of animals during a term of years would undoubtedly tend to greater stability of the industry and encourage the handling of business in a way to increase the quantity and improve the quality of the livestock and would also enable a better administration of the range itself.

"On a considerable portion of the National Forests we have reached the point where permits for a period of five years can be put into effect without difficulty. On certain other Forests we are not in a position to grant five-year permits for more than a portion of the stock at present upon them, because there is serious question whether there is not now more stock than can be carried permanently without injury to the Forest. There is also the extra stock which has been taken care of as a war emergency, some of which we will not be able to continue, and for that reason should not be included under five-year permits.

"The issuance of annual permits will be continued where reductions are necessary to insure against overstocking or where this may be required for any other reason. The plan is progressively to bring about a more secure tenure of the grazing privileges through the issuance of five-year permits as fast as this can be done in consideration of the various public interests involved."

SOME PSALM.

The Ford is my Car,
I shall not want another.
It maketh me to lie down in wet places,
It soileth my soul,
It leadeth me into deep waters,
It leadeth me into paths of ridicule for its name's sake.
It prepareth a breakdown for me in the presence of mine enemies.
Yea, though I run through the valleys, I am towed up the hill.
I fear great evil when it is with me.
Its rods and its engines discomfort me,
It anointeth my face with oil,
Its tank runneth over,
Surely to goodness if this thing follow me all the days of my life,
I shall dwell in the house of the Insane forever.

VETERANS HEAD BIG COMMITTEES



New chairmen for important committees in Congress are to be in power after March 4—the dawn of one of the most promising eras of our national life. Here are two veteran legislators who will head big committees. Top is Frederick H. Gillett of Massachusetts, House appropriation committee; lower is Joseph W. Ferris of Michigan, ways and means committee.

Do your New Year's resolving early.

After the restrictions on eggs and wheat were relaxed and might reasonably hope to have a piece of cake, just see what happened to the price of eggs!

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