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THOUGHTS ON LIFE.

The present hour alone is
man's.—Samuel Johnson.

Life is the gift of God and is
divine.—Longfellow.

Have more mind on thy books
than thy bugs, more desire of
godliness than gold, greater af-
fection to die well than to live
wantonly.—Lyly.

Life is a mission. Every other
definition of life is false, and
it leads all who accept it astray.
Religion, science, philosophy,
though still at variance upon
many points, all agree in this—
that every existence is an aim.
—Mazzini.

When life is true to the poles
of nature the streams of truth
will roll through us in song.—
Emerson.

PUT THE LID ON TIGHT

All laws are made with the pre-
sumption that they shall be strictly
enforced; and in the case of the new
state-wide prohibition law no excep-
tion should be registered or laxness
permitted.

The people of the state of Oregon
by their vote have registered the de-
cree that no more intoxicating liquors
should be manufactured or sold with-
in the limits of the state, and it is
for the officials of the state to see
to it that the expression of the com-
monwealth is observed.

At the time the measure was vot-
ed on the World took a stand
against it, being firm in the be-
lief the measure as passed would
not prohibit in the strict sense of the
word. Among these objections were
the fact the law allowed an unlim-
ited cache to be stored away, thus
abetting bootlegging, and the pro-
visions allowing liquor to be ship-
ped into Oregon from outside points,
while the manufacturers of the state
were put out of business.

Now that the law is in effect,
it is hoped it will be enforced
as strictly as possible. Bootlegging
will be one of the first violations
to be encountered and the sooner the
county and city officials put an end
to any such possible activities, the
greater confidence the various com-
munities will have in their officials,
and the greater good to the commu-
nities. One active bootlegger, selling
the usual "rot-gut" brand of spirits
retailed by such men, will do more
harm to the morals of the district
within which he operates than 10
well conducted saloons.

Now that we have a prohibition
law, let us have real PROHIBITION!

BE A COMMUNITY LEADER

Would you like to be thought
stronger and more resourceful than
the average man? Would you like to
have others admire you and look up
to you? The recipe is simple. Have
something good to say about every-
body, about your neighbor, and about
your town. Boost, even if you have
to go out of your way to boost. Lend
a helping hand. Have some word of
encouragement always ready for the
fellow who is down on his luck. Peo-
ple will think then that you can af-
ford to do it; that you are so success-
ful and so prosperous that you can
see only good in everything. It is
the man with the petty grievance—
the small man—who knocks. Re-
member that, and try to be above
small things. A good deal of the
old feudal idea still remains. The
ancient lords could afford to be ma-
gnanimous. Their motto was "Nob-
lesse oblige." Their nobility gave
them certain responsibilities. They
were the leaders. People looked up
to them and depended on them. That
"Noblesse oblige" is a good motto to
adopt today, even when there are no
hereditary lords. It is a motto that
the everyday man can adopt and pro-
fit by. If you keep boosting every-
where you go, others will uncon-
sciously recognize in you a leader.

SWEET '16

To thine eyes the world is new,
Sweet '16.
All is bright and good and true,
So serene.
What a treasure in thy smile,
Framed in locks of latest style,
Childlike, sweet, so free from guile,
Sweet '16!

Blushes borrowed from the dawn,
Sweet '16.
Thou art timid as a fawn,
Tho' I ween
Here thou see'st naught to fear
At the threshold of the year;
Now thy mission is to cheer,
Sweet '16!

Thou must face the world alone,
Sweet '16!
Here upon thy new-built throne,
Maiden queen.
Do not turn thy eyes away,
Like a petted infant, pray!
(Thou wert not born yesterday,
Sweet '16.)

—Gene Morgan.

They will put you down as a man
who helps because he is stronger than
others. If you don't believe this,
try it for a while and see if it's not so.

NATIONAL EXPENSES GROW

In the year 1800 the total ordinary
expenses of the United States gov-
ernment amounted to \$10,813,971. In
1850 the total ordinary disburse-
ments had jumped to \$40,000,000,
which was an increase of less than
\$750,000 a year. The big jump in
the expenses of the government was
in the year 1862, when the total
ordinary expenses jumped from \$66-
000,000 to \$474,000,000. This of
course, was due to the war between
the states, and by 1865 the expen-
ses had reached the total of \$1,295-
000,000. The following year the ex-
penses dropped to \$520,000,000, re-
ceding the next year to \$346,000,000,
down to 1872, when the expenses
dropped back to \$285,000,000. The
expenses of the government hovered
around this figure until 1891, when
there was a sudden jump from \$297-
000,000 to \$355,000,000. Since that
time there have been fluctuations
backward and forward until 1898,
when the expenses increased from
\$365,000,000 to \$443,000,000. The
next year, 1899, the total ordinary
disbursements jumped to \$605,000-
000, then they dropped back to \$509-
000,000 and finally, in 1908, they
had reached the figure of \$621,000-
000. There have been increases
since that time until, 1914, the ordi-
nary disbursements amounted to
\$694,000,000, and in 1915 to \$650-
000,000. There is likely to be an-
other tremendous jump as a result of
the proposed five-year national de-
fense programme.—Leslie's.

What is less enduring than the
fame of the "popular" man. The
world moves so quickly these days,
that it is only the truly great that
can survive. A few years ago—even
a few months ago—Lord Kitchener
was the idol of the English people.
Today he is almost a daily target for
their wrath. The world rang with
the fame of Grand Duke Nicholas of
Russia. Today his name is not on the
lips of any nation. Recently
John Paul Jones and Alexander
Hamilton were denied a place in the
Hall of Fame, although a niche was
found for Charlotte Cushman, the
actress. Who are our own heroes of
today and where will they be ten
years hence?

Thousands of whiskey circulars
were distributed throughout Oregon
during the last two weeks of 1915,
from which it is judged but few of
the voters of the state are not aware
of the full particulars about some
liquor house, it being said the cir-
culars were evidently sent to every man
whose name appears on the registra-
tion books.

To just what limits the efforts of
the "preparedness at any cost" pro-
paganda may progress is seen in the
clamor of the army for universal
military service. The United States
has just about as much need for an
enormous standing army as Switzer-
land has for a navy.

That earthquake felt throughout
the Northwest January 1, was prob-
ably nothing more than the nervous
shock of Washington, Idaho and Ore-
gon, when for the first time they
missed their "morning's morning."

An example of how much farther
the "science of taxation" has advanced
in the old countries than in the
United States is shown in the new
tax on names levied by Holland.

Hats off to Pacific Laura Lee. A
hundred like she are worth as much
to a community as a saw mill.

This is a good time of year to
pay up your subscription.

FOUR MILE "SMOKELESS"

The New Year came garbed in a
spotless robe of the beautiful snow.
It has been many years since such
a depth of snow has fallen at this
time of the season. On the high ele-
vations about 8 inches came while on
the lowlands from 3 to 4 inches. By
Monday evening it had nearly all
disappeared which was undoubtedly
a good thing for some of our local
stockmen.

About a dozen Four Milers attend-
ed the New Year's party given by
Mr. and Mrs. Harve Smith New Years
Eve at the Smith ranch on New Lake
Hill. In all there were about a hun-
dred present. Dancing was the chief
entertainment but those who did not
care to trip the light fantastic found
plenty of other amusements. About
12 o'clock supper was announced and
then the real surprise came. It
really seemed that all the goodies
from both Coos and Curry counties
had been assembled there for this
special occasion. Supper being over
dancing was resumed until daylight,
when once more the guests were in-
vited to the festive board to partake
of more of the good things to eat
which seemed to appear in an endless
supply. Breakfast over, then came
"homeward bound", all vowing that
they had had one of the most enjoy-
able times of their lives. CLEM.

Library Report for December

Books purchased, 6; books donat-
ed, 9; new readers registered, 30;
No. books and magazines issued,
1398; No. visitors to reading and
reference room, 808.

We wish to acknowledge gratefully
not only the books donated, which
are most welcome, but also the do-
nated periodicals which are given to
us each week. These are Collier's
Leslie's and Independent. The Coos
Bay Times is also a gift from a sub-
scriber. These regular gifts are of
equal value with our Library sub-
scriptions.

At present we should greatly ap-
preciate such gifts as Ladies' Home
Journal, Woman's Home Companion
and the American.

Files of good periodicals and odd
numbers are very useful. We make
it a point to send into the country all
duplicates.—F. Amelia Henry, Li-
brarian.

THIS MORN'S THE MORN

(By Waldemeyer Young)
The Yuletide spirit makes things hum
But still the best is yet to come!
The day is past and done and gone,
And I feel rather perky.
Although no meat I've had to eat
For several days but turkey!
I watched one host on Christmas Eve
Attending to his carving,
And Christmas night another bright
Young host kept me from starving.
Each served a bird—Ah! Well, I ate!
And, then, next day on Sunday,
We had our own turk all alone,
And then again, on Monday,
We warmed it up, and liked it well,
And Tuesday, nothing scorning,
We ate it yet—and now we'll get
Some turkey hash this morning!
Who steals my purse steals only trash
Oh, lead me to that turkey hash!

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It can't be beat."—Orange Phar-
macy.

ALICE, WHERE ART THOU?

The birds sleeping gently, sweet
Luna gleameth bright,
Her rays tinge the forest and all
seems glad tonight;
The wind sighing by me, cooling
my fever'd brow,
The stream flows as ever, yet
Alice, where art thou?
One year back this even, and
thou wert by my side,
One year back this even, and
thou wert by my side,
Vowing to love me, vowing to
love me;
One year past this even, and
thou wert by my side,
Vowing to love me, Alice, what-
e'er betide.

The silver rain falling, just as it
falleth now,
And all things sleep gently, yet
Alice, where art thou?
I've sought thee by lakelet, I've
sought thee on the hill,
And in the pleasant wildwood,
when winds blew cold and
chill.
I've sought thee in forest, I'm
looking heavenward now;
I've sought thee in forest, I'm
looking heavenward now;
Oh, there mid starshine! Oh,
there mid starshine!
I've sought thee in forest, I'm
looking heavenward now.
Oh, there amid the starshine,
Alice, I know art thou!
—W. Gurusey.

LUMBER BOOM ON; BIG BUYERS READY

DECEMBER BUSINESS IS PRO-
NOUNCED BEST IN 7 YEARS
BY MEN IN TRADE.

Lumber Men's Convention Predicts
Log Shortage—Mills and Custom-
ers Are Reported Nearly Out of
Stock and General Revival in All
Branches Foreseen.

That the Pacific coast lumber mar-
ket is in healthier tone than it has
been for a long time, and that the
prospects for Spring and Summer are
flattering, was the consensus of op-
inion among 100 or more lumbermen
who attended the quarterly meeting
of the West Coast Lumber Manufac-
turers' association at Portland last
week.

Close students of the logging situa-
tion reported that there will probably
be a log shortage until next May or
June at least, and one Portland lum-
berman said that he figured there
were fewer logs near Portland for
sale than at any other time during
the past 11 years.

Stock Mostly Sold

Lumbermen from all parts of the
Northwest reported that their mills
have been pretty well cleaned out of
stock, and that they are not in a po-
sition to take on many new orders
which were recommended recently at
the Tacoma meeting.

Those who recently visited the
Eastern market centers informed the
association that the entire trade is
optimistic, the most hopeful signs be-
ing the certainty that the railroads
are about to recommence heavy buy-
ing, and that the Mexican field is
about to be opened advantageously.

Buying Rumor Afloat

Rumors were afloat at the meeting
that the Northern Pacific, Great Nor-
thern and other railroads had already
quietly started buying, and that these
roads, together with the Southern
Pacific, in Oregon, would probably
require large deliveries within the
next 30 or 60 days. It is said that
the Northern Pacific company is in
the market for 40,000,000 feet and
that some of it will be purchased for
January delivery.

"The business of the present month
has been the best December for sev-
en years," is the way one Puget
Sound lumberman expressed it. "A
good many of the heavy buyers have
been delaying urgent purchases for
several months in the hope that the
market would sag, as it usually does
at this time of year, but instead the
prices are growing stronger and
stocks are in such shape that the
mills are in splendid position."

Secretary Makes Statement

In speaking officially for the as-
sociation, Thomas Babcock, of Seattle,
the secretary, made the following
statement:

"Conditions of the lumber market
continue to look encouraging, but as
yet much is still only anticipatory.
There is no particular desire on the
part of sellers to dispose of their
stock at less price than that which
conditions seem to warrant, and all
believe that in another 30 days they
will be able to get still better prices
and that all stock sold now will lose
them just that much. Strong buy-
ing in good volume is anticipated and
if the lumbermen hold their heads
and do not over-produce, next Spring
and Summer will find the lumber
business in a very satisfactory con-
dition. This is bound to reflect to the
good of all people in the Northwest."

"All indications point to an indefi-
nite period of prosperity in the lum-
ber business," said J. N. Teal in clos-
ing the report on his recent argu-
ments before the Federal Trade Com-
mission at Washington. "The great-
est problem is apt to be getting
enough carriers to supply the demand
both local and foreign. There is no
question but that the railroads are
now down to bed rock on lumber,
and the same situation prevails
abroad. Let us hope that lumber-
men will act with discretion in not
overproducing."

With prospects in all lines of man-
ufacture and business improving,
the Coquille valley is about ready to
take a new lease on life.

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cent decision declared that the press
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