

THE GOOD NEW TIMES.

THOUGH the "old folks" talk of the good old times, when there was plenty and care were so few...

that, whatever future Christmas might have in store for him, that Christmas should be the happiest he had known so far at least.



"IT IS ALL OVER NOW," SAID LILLA, as she entered the office, "what is the matter with you? Have you been ill?"

watch to Moore's. That was the day he ran up against Lilla, when he had the whole package in his hand, and was afraid she would ask him, and ran. Yesterday, just as he was taking me to hold a consultation on that wonderful bracelet...

THE FISH INDUSTRY.

Statistics of Columbia River Salmon Pack as Given in Annual Report of Commissioner Reed, of Oregon.

NO HESITANCY IN TRADE.

R. G. Dan & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The approach of a new year usually brings so much of hesitancy in business that the small shrinkage this year is surprising.

The Marriageable Age.

A spinster who is still living in hope says the marriageable age is anywhere between the seminary and the cemetery.—Chicago Daily News.

BEST FOR THE BOWELS

Cascarets advertisement with logo and text: "CANDY CATHARTIC... REGULATE THE LIVER... KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN... BUY THE GENUINE SYRUP OF FIGS... PORTLAND DIRECTORY... PHOTO... FERRIS SEEDS... OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD... SURE CURE FOR PILES... CURE YOURSELF!... YOUNG MEN!... DR. GUNN'S IMPROVED PILLS... Rupture... A Miss is As Good as a Mile... HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA... PISO'S CURE FOR... Rupture... C. H. WOODARD & CO., 108 Second St., Portland.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.



And the steady sweep of the centuries, Ever chafes a progressive, happier kymn.

Lilla's Xmas Presents.

LILLA SPRAGUE seemed to blow in at the door with a gust of wind and a drift of snow. Then, having kicked a pair of snow encrusted overshoes into a corner of the hall, Miss Lilla ran upstairs in a hurry.

"Don't say that!" "I will say that! But anyhow, her mother will see me. I am going now to call on Mrs. Sprague. And now, look here, about this bracelet."

"What dear?" Mrs. Sprague asked, looking up absently from a letter she was writing.

"It's all over—I say, it's all over between Randolph—oh, what a fool—fool I've been." And she sang herself, sobbing, on a big horsehair sofa.

delight arises from the anticipation of the new and better experiences of the year to come. What interest any rational person could have in having his fortune told is a mystery.

CHRISTMAS AND THE CHILDREN.

THE little folks are talkers—they talk like anything. 'Tis the mother never sends 'em or tells 'em 'bout the noise.

Best of All Gifts.

The best of all gifts at the present time is yourself. Make yourself in some way more pleasant and helpful to others.

THE FAIRHAVEN COAL MINES.

A Portland man has bought 25,000 pounds of wool at Ashland at 15 to 18 cents.

WASHINGTON HAS A STRINGENT LAW.

Washington has a stringent law for the protection of hotelmen from board-bill jumpers.

ARTHUR HESY, WHO WENT FROM HIS HOME IN WALLA WALLA, TO WORK IN UMATILLA COUNTY HARVEST FIELDS, EARLY IN THE FALL, AND WHO WAS SOUGHT BY HIS PARENTS FOR WEEKS AFTER IT HAD COME TIME FOR HIM TO RETURN HOME, HAS TURNED UP ALIVE AND WELL.

AN ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT AND WATER WORKS SYSTEM ARE TWO IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE ALMOST A NECESSITY IN BURNS, AND THE NEWS THINKS STEPS WILL BE TAKEN EARLY IN THE SPRING TO INAGURATE THE TWO SYSTEMS.

A GILLIAM COUNTY MAN RECENTLY SOLD 52 HEAD OF BEEF CATTLE TO THE UNION MEAT COMPANY, OF PORTLAND.

Through the failure of some of the shingle mills of Whatcom county to close, under the agreement recently reached to limit production in the interest of better prices, a break-up was imminent in the Whatcom county association.

PORTLAND MARKET.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 80¢@81¢; Valley, 51¢; Bluestem, 52¢ per bushel.

SEATTLE MARKET.

Onions, new, \$1.00@1.25 per sack. Potatoes, new, \$1.00@20.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12¢@15¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12¢@13¢.

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