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CHRISTMAS FOR THE CHILDREN'S SAKE

Christmas is the children's season of the year. It is for them to observe Christ's birthday. While older folks like Christmas too and get some pleasure out of it, it is doubtful if the custom would have survived down through the ages if it were not for the children.

No Christmas is quite complete for children without there is a Christmas tree with glittering decorations, candles and do-dads galore. There should also be wreaths of holly and other greenery, of the fragrant smelling variety. Cranberries and popcorn on strings can not be forgotten either.

In such settings the youngster likes to hang up his stocking on Christmas eve with the belief that Santa Claus will remember him in some way. On his awakening Christmas morning it is a big event whether there is one or a dozen presents left by Santa.

While old folks are usually glad when Christmas is over the younger ones look forward to it from year to year.

Whether Christmas has been bountiful in gifts or not we can live in the knowledge that the children of today may be cared for even as the Christ Child was loved and cared for by His mother, Mary, long ago when he lay in the manger in Bethlehem.

Although college enrollment has increased by leaps and bounds in the last 20 years some authorities now declare it is reaching the peak. The year 1928 with only two per cent increase in enrollment is the smallest increase since the war. Falling off of the birth rate and restricted immigration are beginning to be felt in this country, and are assigned as causes along with economic conditions especially in the agricultural sections of the country.

Up in Salem the chamber of commerce entertained the new settlers at a luncheon. Had quite a crowd too. This should be something to be considered by other chambers of commerce. It surely would surprise the natives as to how many new people come into a community in a year as well as creating a hospitable spirit and help to make the new comers contented.

Oregon State college received \$27,200 from the student body of that school for giving the New York University a beating. Football has them all backed off the map for sportsmanship. Think of any other organization paying that well for a beating.

9000 girls in Ireland have joined a modesty crusade and promise not to wear short skirts. We may prepare ourselves now for a new influx of Irishmen to these shores.

We can't understand the psychology of a merchant or banker who expects local people to patronize him 100 per cent and then sends to a mail order house for his printing.

An Iowan has chucked up his business in disgust because he has been robbed 6 times since 1914. Chicagoans have it all over him in endurance!

More of us could be inoculated with the germ "Oregonitis."

Marriages in Oregon during 1927 totaled 7362 and divorces 3117—an almost two to one ratio. Oregon next to Nevada is the leading divorce ratio state in the union and New York the lowest. Poverty and divorce cannot be said to go together as the congested centers of the east have the lowest divorce rates. Liberality of our laws instead of the unagreeableness of our people must be blamed for our high divorce rate.

Create a good market for the products of Oregon farms and mills and you have solved the problem of state development. We can all have our share in helping to do this. Eat Oregon grown products whenever possible and use wood exclusively instead of substitutes. This would be a good New Year's resolution for us all.

King Micheal of Rumania, aged six, has expressed a preference for mechanical toys that "don't have to be pulled on a string." Perhaps the only official ever known who shows a tendency to dislike wire-pulling.

Delegates to the Carnegie Institute convention at Pittsburgh envisioned houses built entirely of coal. If it's the kind of coal some of us have been getting, we may be sure these houses won't burn down.

Every tramp seeking shelter at the poorhouse at Chelmsford, England, must submit to a cold shower bath. This automatically, we presume solves the problem of overcrowding.

Quantities of soap have been discovered in Moscow bearing the portraits of the Czar, and the Russians are greatly shocked. What we wonder at is how they came to notice it.

Einstein, discoverer of the Relativity of Space and Time, says he is on the eve of making a new announcement that will shock the world. But no one who can understand Einstein could be shocked!

A singer returning from South America says one of the favorites down there is "Alexander's Rag Time Band." Now we know where all good little jazz songs go when they die.

O. F. Grab, millionaire silk manufacturer, has presented his million dollar business to 14 employees. And yet they say names are an index to character!

Definition: A politician is a man who blames it on the weather when the crops are bad and then takes the credit himself when they are good.

Radio music from a pot of beans is a new one, the nearest to radio without a radio anyone has gotten before is static from their flivver.

French policemen are thinner than they used to be, says a news item. Probably reduced while dodging the American tourists.

Rumor has it that Lindbergh is about to marry. We always felt he had courage.

A Londoner is attempting to flirt with a girl on Mars is what we call playing safe.

A talking motion picture on the underworld might be termed a "speakeasy."

SEATTLE WHITE ELEPHANT

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

On March 1, over \$1,000,000 will be required by the city of Seattle to pay on its white elephant, the street railway system, municipally owned. For this, Seattle people pay just as much to ride on street cars that they wouldn't have if a public utility owned them, as they would pay if owned by a private corporation. They get poorer service on worse cars over rougher lines on dilapidated streets and pay just as much for it, that they would ever stand for if the lines were owner privately.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURE SLATED

Those present at the annual meeting of the Lane County Agricultural Council held in Eugene last week, voted to conduct an agricultural economic conference, February 17 to 22, in the form of a series of commodity days, according to O. S. Fletcher, county agent.

The tentative schedule for the week is as follows: Monday, February 18, Livestock day; Tuesday, February 19, Horticultural day; Wednesday, February 20, Crops day; Thursday, February 21, Poultry day; and Friday, February 22, Dairy day.

The executive committee of the County Agricultural Council will have general supervision of the conference. The Lane county Horticultural society will be in charge of the program on Horticultural day, the Lane county Dairymen's association in charge on Dairy day, the 4-H club Poultry association in charge on Poultry day, and special committees appointed by the Agricultural council for Livestock day and Crops day.

On each day there will be talks on production problems and a discussion of the general economics outlook for the crop or commodity under consideration. Specialists from the Oregon Agricultural college will assist the County Agricultural Council in conducting the conference. The officers of the County Agricultural council and the county agent hope to make this series of meetings one of the most successful ever held in Lane county.

MY OLD SCHOOL BELL

In memory I sit
And hark, I hear
A sound to my soul
Gone many a year.

Faintly at first,
Then stronger it swells,
As borne on the breeze,
Its message it tells.

'Twas the old school bell,
I was young once more:
It was ringing to me,
As in days of yore.

Telling me then,
As it swung to and fro;
Of life's brightest hour
So long, long ago.

—W. J. Beals.

"WHO"

There's one thing that's
A bothering me—
Who puts the things
On the Christmas tree.

Why does ma look
Her closet door
When packages come
Up from the store?

And, Pa too, whispers
Kind of low
To ma about things
So I won't know;

Then looks at me
As if to say,
"Now sister, please
Do run and play."

Just why should they
Be fussed up so,
And try to show
To me, you know—

That Santa brings
The things to me
And puts them on
The Christmas tree.

—W. J. Beals.

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Well, Forget Him!
Dear Miss Vera:

I broke off with my sweetheart after he had been very mean to me, then took him back again. He was very nice for a while, then was just as mean again. What shall I do?

PUZZLED

Dear Puzzled, it is best, I think, for you to forget him entirely. You gave him a chance—he didn't make good.

If you continue with him, you may expect no different treatment. Don't be foolish. If you breaking off with him last time did not teach him a lesson, he must be incorrigible.

Show Your Friendship

Dear Miss Vera:

I am going out with a young man about two years my senior, who has now quit speaking to me. He said my actions make him think I am angry at him. What shall I do?

MARY.

Dear Mary, just show your friendship in every possible way whenever you do come in contact with him. If you are as sweet and pleasant as you can be, and make him feel that you really like him, I am sure he will no longer have that attitude.

Boubts His Sincerity

Dear Miss Vera:

I am much in love with a young man three years my senior, but I doubt that he loves me. He tells me that he does, but somehow I can't believe him. When I tell him this, he laughs at me and

calls me "silly." I have seen him with other girls. He is quite nice to me all the time but often breaks dates with me, saying he is busy and I don't think he is. I guess I am silly, but I just can't believe he loves me and I certainly would like to believe so. Do you think he loves me?

DOUBTFUL.

Dear Doubtful, your question is very hard to answer. How can I be sure that I am right if I tell you that he loves you, or vice versa? You do not tell me enough about him.

But this I can tell you—do not be unduly suspicious. Seeing him with other girls means little—nearly everyone knows a good number of people of both sexes, and when you merely see your friend with a girl you have no reason to jump to the conclusion that he is involved in any kind of an affair with her. Also, dear Doubtful, it is very possible that he is really "busy" when he breaks dates with you.

"No matter where I hide," sighed the leopard. "I'm always spotted."

One Sunday morn, the pastor noticed a new member at church. He went over to talk with the newcomer. "Well, well, I'm mighty glad to see you, Rufus. Guess you'll haven't been to church in a good while."

"I had to come. I need strength," answered Rufus. "You see, it's this way. I've got a job whitewashin' a chicken coop and weedin' a watermelon patch."

Merry Christmas

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and lots of Happiness this Yuletide Season.

For the late Christmas shopper we still have some beautiful Christmas boxes. Our Candy, too, will be the sweetest thing on your Christmas tree.

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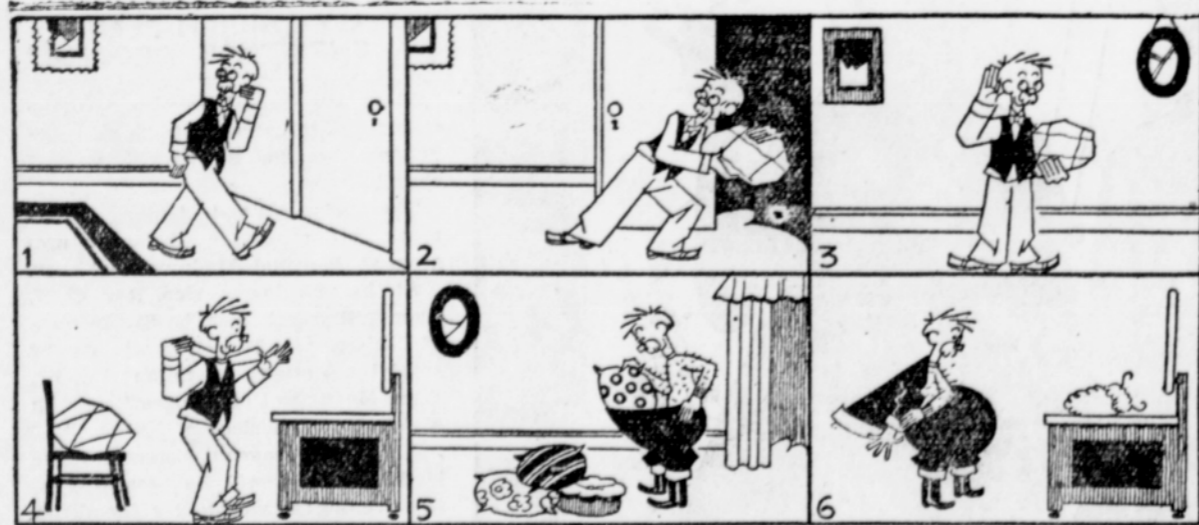
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