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Why?

There is authority for the statement that at the present time not less than 20 small ranchers along the Columbia who are pumping water for irrigation from the river using crude oil for power. On one of these places there is a 50 acre pear orchard which $20,000 worth of pears was shipped to Chicago and New York in 1919. This orchard and numerous other places are now jeopardized from the fact crude oil is to be taken from the market.

Now why should it be necessary for anyone to ship in California oil in order to pump water from the Columbia river? Why should the Eastern Oregon State Hospital or any other local institution or industry be dependent on outside sources of fuel when one-third the potential water power of the nation is to be found in the Columbia basin? Why should Umatilla county and adjoining counties put up with a shortage of oil and coal when at Umatilla rapids a minimum of 120,000 electric horse power may be developed? Why should this state permit many thousands of acres of arid lands along the Columbia to go unwatered when the water and the natural energy for pumping that water is at hand and ready for use?

Some people think that the proposition of using the Columbia river for development work is only a dream. That may be so but it is a dream that may be realized and engineers have already surveyed the project and given an estimate on the cost. The project is less expensive and more feasible than the Columbia basin project in the state of Washington. The Washington project, which is being earnestly boosted by Washingtonians and by many in Oregon, will cost $300,000,000, it is said. The estimate on the cost of the Umatilla rapids power plant is $29,500,000. If the Columbia basin project is worth fighting for, as it doubtless is, why should Oregon hesitate about working for the John Day project and the use of the Columbia for reclaiming the lands in that project?

The situation is a challenge and the ingenuity of our people. Shall we work the problem out or continue to vegitate while Washington and California go forward because they have gumption and make use of it?—Pendleton East Oregonian.

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Slats' Diary

Friday—They was a famley ice so I can coast and skait. Pa sed 3 childern & a baby. 1 boy is nock need & 1 is red headed & 1 is cross eyed. The baby is the only 1 which is not defected. In some way.

Saturday — went out 2 take up my traps & caught a pole cat pritty near. Ma made me stay out in the barn wile I putson sum clean close. I called up Jane & sed 2 her I was a going to walk past her house & I might cum in & spend a few minutes with her & she sed if that's all you have to spend I am going 2 be at home. Bought a nickels worth of nice chocolate candy & tuk.

Sunday—sunday skool teecher ast Blisters who was Job & Blisters replyed & sed Job was a dokter. She sed Yure wrong & he was ready 2 bet her a nickel. She sed Why do you say he was a dokter & he sed the Bible and other fokes always tawks about the pashunts he had which was a lot.

Monday—Exams will soon be here & I am sure glad because being good for such a long time is kinda hard on a fellas nerves.

Tuesday—Ole missus Krane sed she issent a going to buy enny Christmas pressents for her kids. She even sed they issent enny Santa Klaws. It even makes pa mad. So I pressoom he must be figgering on my account.

Wednesday—Well we are out of skool for 1 week now & I hope it will be awful cold and lots of snow & moved in town this week which has I shouldn't ought to wish for such when they is a cole faimmen all over & people is freezing. But what is skaits for. Mebby I wont get none.

Crismas—Got up early & found the tree a waiting for me. I got a pear of shoes and a pear of stockings & a pencil & a tablet and 2 presents. The preecher nocked at the dore in the afternoon & he ast me was my ma enraged & I replyed & sed Worse than that she is married 2 pa. So I went on out.

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A Suggested New Year Gift

For Christmas we have given the gifts of our hearts—no matter then if they are not of much utility.

For New Year, let us think of happiness—not forgetting future happiness. Let us give presents that are well considered, that will be useful during the year and perhaps for years. Among such gifts are the Savings Securities of the United States government. From the 25-cent Thrift Stamp to the $1000 Treasury Savings Certificate, they will carry with them not only the greetings of the season but happiness for years to come.

In presenting the child a card with one thrift stamp affixed, or handing him a bank book that contains ever so small a sum, you bestow not only a present but a habit which will grow in value as the days pass, for he will wish to increase it. That little gift will have grown wonderfully before another Christmas comes around, and the recipient will be on the way to a life of independence.

In recommending these lasting gifts, the savings division of the U. S. treasury does not suggest that a single American should put giving of other useful things. It suggests only that he broaden it to include this present which will bring future wellbeing to those he loves.

Thrift Stamps, Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates will be on sale throughout the year 1921. The local bank is almost at your door. Make New Year count for thrift in your house this year.

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The Unknown God

When St. Paul visited Athens he was astonished to find in that rich, that busy, that curious that eager city an altar erected to "The Unknown God." America of today is richer and busier than ancient Athens was, more splendid, more luxurious, more immensely, intensely preoccupied with itself. The surface of life has never been so varied, so absorbing, diverting, distracting. New impressions, new discoveries, new facts, come upon us so quick and thickly that we have hardly time to think or to feel.

And this rush of surface life has for many of us completely crowded God out. Perhaps never in the world before has there been so little sense or thought of the divine in common living. In our education we try to teach a thousand things, things of supposedly ideal profit, things of practical daily usefulness. We are prohibited by law from teaching anything about God. What pagan or barbarous nation would not find such a state of affairs grotesque? God has left the hearth also. Where are family prayers, faithful readings of the Bible? They are gone and forgotten, and few of us know them any more. But we find God in the churches still. Perhaps—when the automobile takes us there and not elsewhere. And even in the church the social tends more and more to override the sacred. We comfort ourselves with the thought that we are treating God with reverance; but often reverance is dangerously near oblivion.

Can anything really take the place of God? Not speed, the perpetual rush of new inventions that hurry us faster and faster—whither? Not money, the crowding emptiness of business, which throngs our souls with endless calculation and emulous struggle, only to leave them dull and unsatisfied. Not luxury, which merely makes ease and comfort and self-indulgence a habit and so in the end indifferent. Not education, which after long years of turbulent effort leaves us at best aware of what we do not know. Not even the splendid self-abandonment of living for for others; for how can we give others what we ourselves have not?

And so the divine comes back and will come back, if the vastly growing world of democracy is to go on growing to perfection. As St. Augustine said long ago in the words of profound beauty, "Thou hast made us to turn to Thee, and our hearts can find no peace until in Thee they are at rest." That is why so many of us today have rebuilt in spirit, if not in fact, the old Athenian altar, "To the Unknown God."—Youth's Companion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Freund of The Dalles are guests for the holidays at the home of Mrs. Freund's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stevenson in this city, arriving here Saturday last.

County Clerk Waters went to Portland the last of the week for a holiday visit with his family, who now reside in that city, and where his son, Delmar is a student in Hill Military Academy.

Joe Fritsch, the "battery man," was a visitor in Ione on Friday last and hereafter there will be a Willard battery service in that town at the garage of E. R. Lundell.

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Ring in the new!

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Gilliam & Bisbee

SEASON'S GREETINGS

This is to wish for you and yours

A Very Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year

May 1921 bring to you and yours a great increase in Happiness, Health and Prosperity.

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THE experienced householder does not wait until zero weather to know that it is time to look to stoves for the home. Cold days will come—just as certain as Christmas, so why not select now while lines are complete and deliveries assured?

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