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16 YEARS AGO IN GRESHAM.

Sixteen years ago this December the Outlook was in its first year—just nine months old. A reference to the files of those early issues reveals a marvelous activity and hopefulness, worthy of an aspiring small city.

It is possible there were some aggressive citizens at that time who thought that in 16 years Gresham would have grown to be a larger city than at present. There were pessimists and knockers in those days who said Gresham would never be any bigger, that in a few more years Linnemann or Ruby or Rockwood would outstrip Gresham.

Gresham as an incorporated municipality was then seven years old, the Mt. Hood railway had just been opened for freight and passenger business via Montavilla, the city's Bull Run water system was about completed, the Carnegie library building was in prospect, and there was much building activity.

There were in prospect a few things that have not yet been realized. One was a park for Gresham. It was talked of then, is talked of still, but is yet only a vision. Another is a sewer system. Plans have been drawn, and a vote taken on at least one plan, but a sewer system for Gresham, like a park, is still ephemeral.

Another thing noted on sixteen years ago was that with two rival electric lines Gresham would soon have a half-hourly streetcar connection with Portland and a lower fare, encouraging the development of this as a residential district. It was also believed that the Mt. Hood line would tap the rich timber sections between Sandy and Mt. Hood and extend on across the mountains into eastern Oregon and become the terminus of a transcontinental system.

In lieu of some of these hoped-for things have come others bringing unlooked-for benefits, such as the paved highways and automobile traffic.

Gresham has grown in population and business, keeping pace with other cities and is still the same favored, progressive city, looking ahead to a still brighter future.

POETRY ENRICHES LIFE.

Poetry was one of the earliest forms of thought expression among civilized men and has grown in force and beauty as the race has developed. Poetry reveals to us the beauty of nature, perpetuates the freshness of youthful feeling, revives the joy of simple living, keeps alive the enthusiasm which animates the springtime of our being, refines the emotions, strengthens the purposes and becomes the natural vehicle of expression for the deepest joys, sorrows and aspirations of life.

Since religion is the highest expression of the emotions and aspirations of the soul, it is but natural that poetry and music should be its chosen medium of expression.

Around what other event in human history or in religious teaching or tradition has there developed so much and such richness of poetry and music as the human advent of the Christ? Angels sang at his birth and angels and men have been singing ever since.

There is everything in the wondrous birth of the Babe of Bethlehem to inspire the loftiest imagination of the greatest minds and stir to its lowest depths the soul of the devout, hence the wealth of thought and song that gather around this momentous event, accumulative to the end of time—for it is unthinkable that it should ever be lost.

Therefore, let every heart rejoice. Let carols ring out upon the vibrant air. Let the earth be filled with the music of Immanuel's birth.

INSPIRATION IN WORK.

Are you planning and working to make the future better than the past? Do you write "Success" across the sky of your life each morning as you look out toward the rising sun? When you realize that you have failed do you muster new courage and determination and say, "I will do better next time." When you grow weary in the tolls of the day do you say, "A little rest and I'll be on the way again tomorrow?"

CHRISTMAS SPENDING.

Spending, in the larger sense of giving out thought and love and gifts, is just as much a necessary part of every true life as the wise investment of money to the amassing of a fortune. It is possible to be miserly in other ways than by hoarding wealth. The spendthrift may deplete his fortune but no one can spend too much of love and helpful service. Christmas spending, if done in the right spirit, will enlarge the soul and benefit both the giver and receiver.

CHRISTMAS IS LIKE THIS.

This story is told that Henry Clay, the great orator, at one time of his life, was burdened with a debt of \$10,000, due to a bank in Kentucky. Certain political friends of Mr. Clay raised a sufficient sum of money and quietly paid off the debt without saying anything to him about it. In utter ignorance of the fact, Mr. Clay went to the bank and said to the cashier: "I have called to see you in reference to that debt of mine to the bank." "You don't owe us anything," replied the cashier. "Why? How am I to understand you?" "Well, a number of your friends have contributed and paid off that debt—you do not owe this bank one dollar." Tears rushed into Mr. Clay's eyes, and being unable to speak, he walked away.

EVERGREENS AT CHRISTMAS.

How did the custom of decorating with evergreens at Christmas time originate? That is an interesting question and the answers may not strictly agree but there may be some truth in each of the several explanations. One is that the custom originated back in old Roman times in the days of the early martyrs who screened their windows with evergreens so that hostile officials might not know that the devoted Christians were celebrating the holiest feast of the year.

This, however, may not be the true explanation, or the custom may have had a different origin and purpose among Christians of different nations.

Anyway, the custom seems most appropriate and people of western Oregon especially are favored in the convenience of having Christmas trees growing almost in their dooryards and some literally so.

This editor can never forget the thrill experienced on the occasion of his families' first Christmas in Oregon. Coming from a middle western state where Christmas trees if obtained at all had to be bought at high prices and located in a suburb of Portland where acres and acres of logged-off land had grown beautiful young firs, to go 40 feet from the house and with the happy children get free the finest Christmas tree in the world was a pleasure never to be forgotten. And it isn't much more difficult today though the distance is a few miles instead of a few feet.

Another happy thought in this connection is that the custom has become general and is encouraged and there are no pagan officials seeking to martyr or punish those who seek to celebrate history's greatest event—the advent of a spiritual savior and king—in this appropriate way.

Conditions might have been different if Noah had had a Hoover in his day.

An Englishman has said that British girls are growing prettier all the time. He must be an old bachelor and has just waked up.

With the present style of hats and fur coats worn by women a man hesitates to greet a woman on the street for fear she may be his wife.

The main thing against Governor Al Smith is the W. C. T. U. vote.

A skull has been found in Arizona a half-inch thick. It isn't necessary to look in the rocks for others.

If those little nations of Europe don't quite quarreling the League of Nations should apply a birch switch.

MESSAGE BRINGS JOY TO MANY HEARTS.

For the third time I wish to gratefully acknowledge the courtesy extended by the Gresham Outlook of allowing space in the holiday number to publish words of Christmas greetings.

Again I wish to thank all those I have met during the year, on the street, in the school, the church, or wherever it has been, for their good will, their kindly smiles and unaffected friendship. How quickly the year has passed because of them. But why do we speak to one another of good will and unaffected friendship? Of smiles that live so near the surface that they ripple over into sight at a mere momentary greeting? It is not every where like this and this has not always been.

Early on the first morning of the Christian era, mysterious angelic messengers bore from heaven to earth the first Christmas greetings. So wonderful was the message that down through the centuries myriads of men and women have gladly accepted martyrdom that they might carry to others the greetings of the angels, and in our own hearts this message has grown and brought forth the fruitage of good will. But what were those transforming words of the heaven sent messengers? For we want to hear them and know the fullness of their meaning, too.

Let us stand out in the solemn, sacred stillness and glory of the winter night, in the light of and under the same dome of stars that the shepherds stood under. Let us listen with our ears as ready to hear angel voices as were theirs, and surely we will not be disappointed, we too will hear them saying: "Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill towards men."

REV. E. G. JUDD, Pastor Bethel Baptist Church.

GOD'S LOVE BRINGS "UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

We celebrate again the birthday of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. His birth into this world is the fulfillment of the promise that a "virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

This Saviour is God's "unspeakable gift" to you and to me. God gave his only beloved son, not because you or I persuaded him to, not because we compelled him to, not because we deserved it, but because he loved us so; "for God so loved, that he gave."

We rejoice over Christmas, but only too often and exclusively because of gifts we give and receive. As for the true Christian, however, his true joy should be anchored in God's blessed gift, through which lost sinners may find full salvation, and the gifts we give should be the expression of our joy because of God's love, revealed in his Son.

O. F. LARSON, Pastor of the Hillsview Swedish Mission church.

PASTOR SENDS YULETIDE GREETINGS.

Christmas greetings to the members and friends of the Methodist church at Rockwood.

As the Yuletide approaches we are reminded that another year has almost vanished. Though some of us have celebrated this occasion many times, yet Christmas brings to us just as much pleasure and joy as ever.

The two most important days in individual life are the day of our birth and our wedding day. The two most important days in our American life are Christmas day, when a new civilization was born, and the Fourth of July, the birth of our nation. Christmas day is the central point of history for all history points to it. The coming of Christ to the world has elevated childhood and womanhood and brought larger liberties and freedom to all. As we rejoice this advent season, may we remember that the better conditions in life have come from Christian influences which have shown us the way to be happy and prosperous. Along the stream of Christian influence have grown the trees that have borne the richest fruit in blessing and helping humanity. May his coming hush every sigh, dry up every tear and bid all join in the angel's song: "Peace on earth goodwill to men." May this Christmas bring good cheer and hope to all.

J. F. DUNLOP, Pastor.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTS THE GIFT OF GIFTS.

To many the return of the Christmas season and day merely means one more opportunity to augment the bank account; one more period of fatiguing serving of the jostling, impatient host of Christmas shoppers who throng the marts at Christmas time; one more recurrence of the problem of gift selection; one more encounter with the crowds in the crowded aisles of the gift shops, bent on the mission of gift buying; one more opportunity to receive: that is about all it means to a great multitude of people. What a shame that this is all that the return of Christmas brings to the hearts of many residing in lands called "Christian."

It is our wish that this Christmas season may bring to the hearts of men a new appreciation of God's love for mankind as was demonstrated as He gave to men "the gift of gifts." It is our hope that this Christmas may bring to the hearts of our friends a re-echoing of the glad song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men," which rang out, thrilling the hearts of those humble shepherds abiding with their flocks on the Judean fields that memorable night over nineteen hundred years ago.

May we all appreciate as never before the joys and privileges which are ours because we live in a country whose founders were men who had incorporated in their lives and living the teachings and precepts brought to earth and mankind's attention by Him whose birth day anniversary we commemorate.

May the Christmas message of "peace and goodwill," abide and bring much joy and happiness throughout the days of the coming year.

REV. and MRS. OLIVER GILL, Serving the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pleasant Home and Boring.

CHRIST IS SOURCE OF CHRISTMAS JOY.

To all the members and friends of the church the pastor desires to wish a most blessed and joyous Christmas. The outstanding characteristic for the Christmas season is joy. Everybody is joyous; and we wish that gladness and contentment might fill every home, and every heart, and make radiant every face. We exchange gifts and we are happy if we can make others happy. It is God's intention and wish that we should be happy. For that reason he gave to the world the first Christmas present, and he sent his messenger to proclaim it. Listen to the message: "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The Christmas joy, then, in order to be real, must be centered around Christ Jesus. It is his birthday we celebrate; his birthday ushered in hope, joy and salvation to a world that was steeped in misery and sin, to a world that was hopelessly lost. The world was asleep, both literally and figuratively, and was totally ignorant of the tremendously important thing that was happening in the small town of Bethlehem, but the heavenly host was not asleep. Christmas joy filled the very heavens, and praises to God re-echoed through the mansions above; down to the earth came this heavenly host, and the first Christmas carol was sung—not human voices, but angels' voices broke the stillness of the night with "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Shall not we, dear friends, this Christmas season, open wide our doors for Jesus, and let him take full possession of our homes? There is real blessing and joy awaiting each one who does this; it will be Christmas then in the very truest and fullest sense, and you will take up the song of the angels, and sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

REV. ENOCH SANDEEN, Pastor Saron Lutheran Church.

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