

In the Work-Shop of Genius

Local Writer Surprises With Latest Production—D. H. Hawkins
Searcher for Truth. Gives His Impressions in Reckless Disregard
of Their Impressions on Either Writer or Recipient.

D. H. Hawkins, who enjoys an enviable reputation as a writer of note on sociological and psychological subjects, has written a volume of blank verse for the holiday trade, which is just off the press. It is entitled, "Mizraim." The author signs himself, "Leostine."

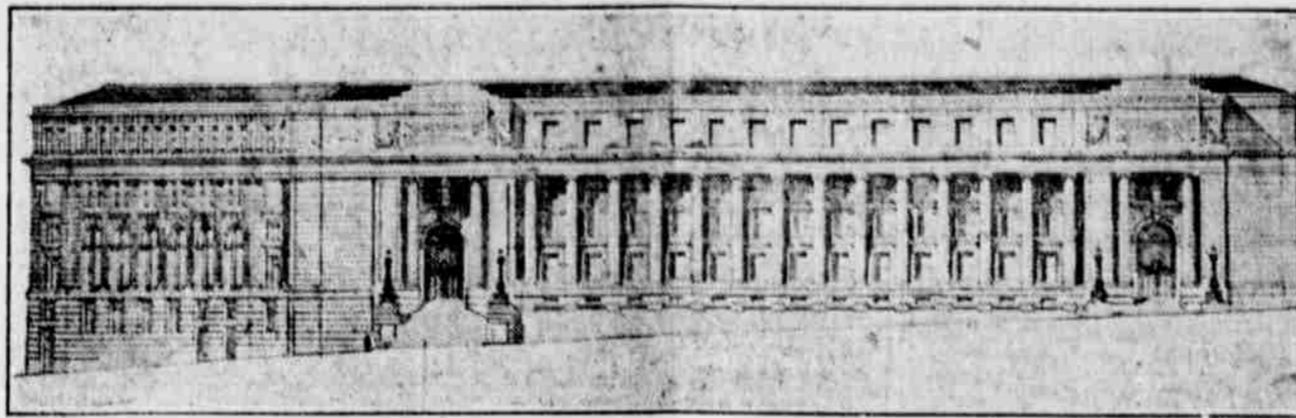
Mr. Hawkins gives us in this volume an insight into his own quest for truth. However, he quickly betrays that he is not a judicial observer. Had his brush instead of his pen been his medium of expression he would have been an impressionist of the deepest dye. It is this quality that makes the first reading of his book an adventure and a wonder, and embalms in them a poignant zest that does not crumble away in many readings. To interpret the questions and existing conditions of a busy, non-heeding, corrupt world in blank verse, spurning that customary medium, the essay, was his aim, and it will be long before his hard-driven facts are equalled for their intensity or directness. His was the artist's impulsion, the artist's patience and devotion to his work, with no eye to ulterior motives.

This work takes the reader into the workshop of genius and show the riotously rich imagination in its unworldly condition. At times they are startling in their self-revelment. Such things as all men of keen sen-

sibilities and intense sympathies are apt to feel, but seldom say, are here poured out in reckless disregard of the effect upon either writer or recipient. There are few pages in the book that fail to charm with examples of philosophy and extraordinary vividness of style. But turning from many of wider application it is pleasant to gain this glimpse of the author's quest for truth. One feels instinctively that the man, as the wayfarer, is none other than Mr. Hawkins, the student, himself.

For instance, to quote:
"Thus once did a lean wayfarer:
These and other questions ponder,
As with weary step he plodded
Lone across a desert moon-plain.
Him had harsh misfortune prodded
With her twelve-tined fork of errors.
Him had life-storms rudely broken
On the devil rocks of hatred.
Slept he often on the marl beds,
Where the envy-lizards lapped him;
And, where erecud beetles stung him
With their poison tongues of malice.
Friends betrayed him into poverty,
Sold him into lowly serfdom.
Countrymen and patriots smote him
That he dared to sow his ideals,—
But the world knew not his calling.
Save to name it fruitless searching:
Searching (seeking) habitation
Where consistent men abideth;
Where, e'en Christian men are hum-
ble,
Where, e'en Christians follow Esus,

**Money For Postoffices Will Be Scarce
Until Washington's Buildings Are Completed.**



True, there are many cities and towns that want new postoffices. Few are going to get them. The capital of the United States needs the money for buildings. The plans to make Washington the wonder city of the world call for a great outlay of funds. The work has been going on for a long time, and many beautiful buildings have been completed. The new postoffice building in Washington is one of the beautiful structures that is to help add harmony to the government structures. The building is a costly one—so costly, in fact, that the erecting of post-

Where, e'en Moralists are moral,
Where, e'en temperance men are tem-
perate!"

But the quest for truth fails, and
in a closing pouring-out of his feel-
ings, the author cries:
"I would know why Mammon con-
quers,—
Mounts and conquers even Christ-
men.

Why the silks and satins rustle,
Where the pew-rents are so fabulous.
Why the rarest diamonds glitter.
In the shirt-fronts of the vile men.
I would know why Christ-deniers
Pass the "plate" in churchly vest-
ments."

But he sees hope for the future,
for he concludes:

"In the course of human progress
When the eye of mortal, piercing
Through the unmeasured deep of
ether,
Scans the naked moons of Saturn;
When man's knowledge is the sub-
stance
Of best seeking and revealing,
Then shall man stand forth apparel-
ed
In the garments of the god-hood,
Pence hypocracies and pretense
Must give place to generous favor!"

II.

Maj Hanief, the native weaver of
fine Oriental rugs, who has been ex-
hibiting some very fine specimens in
the Weeks & McGowan combau-

store, on West Main street, will go
to Ashland today and will exhibit
there for a week, after which time
he will return to Medford for a spe-
cial clearance sale.

All lovers of the Oriental art are
urged to bear this in mind and see
Mr. Hanief when he returns to Med-
ford.

Mr. Hanief is one of the most ex-
pert rug men ever on the coast and
represents a house that enjoys the
very highest standing in every city
on the Pacific coast. You are simply
investing your money when you pur-
chase an Oriental rug.

Want-advertise—and thus "hunt
for work" in the business-like way.

Children Free for Two Weeks

Let Them Run About Outdoors in Order to Fortify Their Systems
With Nature's Best Tonic—One Teacher Succeeds in Reaching the
Hearts of Her Charges.

That Christmas should this year fall on Sunday permits of an ideal vacation arrangement for the school children and only shouts of approval have been heard from luscious throats, since it became current information two weeks ago that one week of freedom from school duties was to precede, and the other fellow the anticipated holiday. Time is thus afforded the young people to make their desired preparation for the surprises and enjoyments of the day, while an equivalent in time is available for recuperation from excitement, over-eating and irregular hours, and also for furthering other pursuits of a social or industrial nature.

Keep the child outdoors during every available moment of his holiday; let him enjoy exercise and occupation in the open air, fortifying his system with nature's best tonic, oxygen. The weather will probably clear, but if it should not, a light rain cape and stout shoes will provide ample protection to the normal child for a long run each day, even in rainy weather.

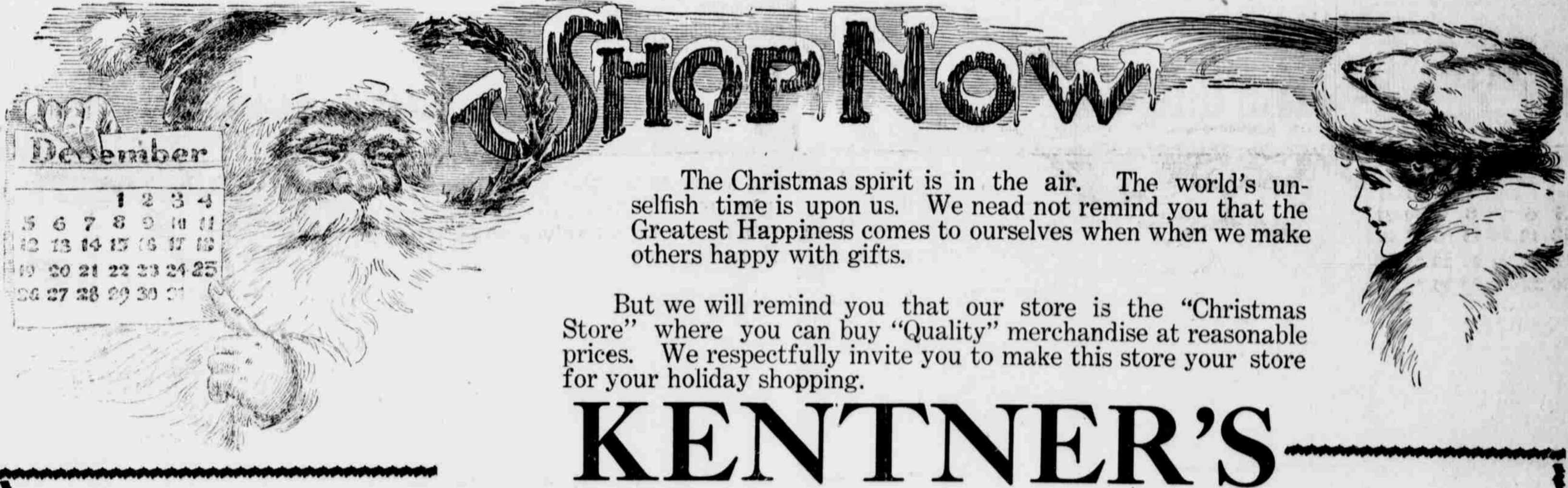
Last week, while giving a glowing and graphic account of the work done in her room, a little girl belonging to one of the middle grades in the local schools was heard to remark, "When I have a nice teacher like Miss Blank I just love to have morning come." Not every child has the

power of self-expression developed to a point where she can cast aside self-consciousness and depend under assigned tasks, but it is true that "Miss Blank," if able to foster a similar spirit in the majority of her young charges, understands the subtle art of securing an ideal educational atmosphere for work. 'Tis impossible to estimate how far she may be assisted in the cure of each individual child, by wise parental discipline at home, which involves sufficient exercise, plenty of sleep, regular study hours and simple habits of life.

SISSON, Cal., Dec. 17.—The telephone company has a large crew of men at work here engaged in construction work. They are putting up new poles and wire in all parts of town, and will make various other improvements in the system here. The work is in charge of William Lewis of Sacramento, who figures that it will take until January 1 to complete the job, weather permitting.

Some day there is sure to be a real buying opportunity for you in one of the "For Sale" ads. Every day they are interesting. Every day more and more people turn to them with "an eye to business."

The Mail Tribune want ads bring results.



SHOP NOW

The Christmas spirit is in the air. The world's unselfish time is upon us. We need not remind you that the Greatest Happiness comes to ourselves when when we make others happy with gifts.

But we will remind you that our store is the "Christmas Store" where you can buy "Quality" merchandise at reasonable prices. We respectfully invite you to make this store your store for your holiday shopping.

KENTNER'S

Medford's Big Department Store

You know that we have a big store full and overflowing with the best line of Christmas goods that can possibly be found. You know that our prices are always the lowest, whether on sale or at regular. Come and shop in this "Christmas Store" when the displays are attractive and the assortments pleasing and where you will find courteous sales people will attend your wants

Usefull Gifts

In All Departments

- Handkerchiefs—5c up to \$3.00.
- Hand Bags—\$1.00 to \$15.00.
- Suit Cases and Trunks.
- Silk Waist Patterns, Silks by the yard also Dress Goods in great variety—choose a pattern for her Xmas present.
- Fine Hosiery—25c and up to \$3.00.
- Umbrellas—\$1.00 to \$7.00.
- Fancy Goods of all descriptions—the finest selection ever shown in all of southern Oregon.
- Make Out Your List of Presents, then come here to shop. We are confident that you will find most everything right here under one roof and all will be of good quality, rightly priced.

**Choose From Our Superb
Line of Ladies'
Ready-to-wear Goods**

The women all appreciate ready-to-use garments and you are safe in choosing from our lines. You will find the newest styles and exceptionally large assortments.

**Suits, Coats, Wraps, Skirts,
Dresses, Skirts, Petticoats,
Waists, Raincoats, Etc.Etc.**

Your size is here; your color is here; the kind of material you prefer is here. A welcome awaits all who look. Choose early. The prices will please.

Useful Gifts

**For Husband, Son, Father,
Brother or Sweetheart**

- Men's Hats—\$1.50 to \$5.00.
- Men's Umbrellas—\$1.00 to \$7.00.
- Men's Shoes—Medium and high tops—the best for wear and fit.
- Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Half Hose, Shirts, Neckwear, Sweaters, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets and everything in clothing. Raincoats, Overcoats, etc.
- Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothing is sure to please for two seasons—\$15 to \$35.