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HONG KONG KOLUM

My friend Bill is fond of walking.
How can I best remember him
Christmas morning? (GIVE HIM
SECOND HAND AUTOMOBILE.)

Ha! Ha! Ha!
"He laughs best who laughs last."
"Nix. He laughs best whose laugh
lasts."

Dr. Hack is the leading surgeon
of Proctor, Vermont.

While the soldiers in France and
Belgium are entreaching, the folks at
home in London are entreaching—
Article.

Sir: My uncle, an honest and bluff
Illinois farmer, came to Chicago to
visit us—his first visit to the big
city. Of course we put him wise to
a "L" ride, a taxi ride and a bus
ride. "Well," said the b. and b. Ill.
farmer, "if your goin' to all this ex-
pense to show me around the town
I'd like to ride in one of them cab-
arets I've read so much about."—L.
B.

Today's Bellringer
Mrs. Philip Lydig, the beautiful
New York social leader once asked a
young man who attended one of her
fancy dress balls at Newport why he
didn't wear fancy dress. She noticed
that he smoked a cigarette in a long
holder.

"I'm in fancy dress," he said bland-
ly, "I'm here as a cigarette holder."

Stilla's Bargain Counter.
The bride wears white because
white signifies the happiest day in
her life. Gee, girls the men wear
black, don't they?

I visited a packing house on my
vacation last summer and the silly
young thing with the white hat who
accompanied our party on the trip
said she wondered if the sausages
were made on the ground floor.

A Slacker
Mother—Now, Harold, that you are
through college, you had really bet-
ter begin looking around for some
sort of employment.

Harold—Mother, don't you think
it would be more dignified to wait
until the offers begin to come in?
Philadelphia Ledger.

**Life Was Just One Dry Goods Box
After Another**

(From Oklahoma City, Oklahoman.)
Jed Wilkins, one of our oldest and
most respected citizens, departed this
life last Friday. He left behind him
five dogs, two children and the whole
earth. For many years his business
has been that of transferring himself
from one drygoods box to another.

It Usually Is.
"Where did you go to school?"
"Yale. I was college bred—a four
year loaf."

SANTA CLAUS AT
MUNICIPAL XMAS TREE

The first Municipal Christmas tree
in the history of the city and south-
ern Oregon will be held next Friday
evening (Christmas eve) in the city
park, and it promises, with respect-
able weather to be a big success. The
little boys and girls are keen for the
event, and the largest public gather-
ing of the year will be on hand. The
exercises will begin at 7 o'clock.

C. E. Gates will act as master of
ceremonies, and Judge E. E. Kelly
will be Santa Claus. Over 1400 candy
canes will be distributed, and the
tree will be lighted with electricity,
and decorated with all the traditional
dodads. The voices of school chil-
dren will be lifted in song. A prayer
and benediction will be offered.

The final arrangements for the
event have been completed, and the
tree will bring gladness into the
hearts of scores of the little ones of
the city who have not lost faith in
Santa Claus.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES

MEDFORD, along with 600 other American cities, will
celebrate Christmas this year with a community
Christmas tree, dazzling in illumination, surmounted with
the star of hope. Probably the institution will become a
permanent annual celebration, increasing in elaborateness
and beauty with the coming years.

It is only three years since the first community Christ-
mas tree celebrations were held. In 1912 New York and
three other cities celebrated with community trees for the
benefit of the homeless and the poor, who need no longer
look with envy on the sparkling Christmas trees and
scenes of cheer in happy homes. Every one may share in
the merrymaking around the "tree of light," as the New
York originators of the community celebration call it.

The community Christmas tree idea spread rapidly. In
three years there has been a more rapid, and striking
change in the method of remembering the world's most
beautiful anniversary than took place in all the preceding
centuries. Each city originates some new idea to make its
celebration unique. In another three years 6000 commu-
nity Christmas trees will probably add to the joyousness of
the festival season.

Newark, O., set a good example last year by actually
planting its shapely tree in City Hall park and thus gave
stimulus to a scheme advocated by forestry experts every-
where to save the forests from their annual depletion. It
is now proposed that every city celebrating a community
Christmas plant a new living evergreen in some city park,
and hold its fete about this tree.

Marshalltown, Ia., last year entertained the entire coun-
tryside with 300 illumined trees, elaborate fireworks and a
carnival. Syracuse, N. Y., had a Christmas story teller to
entertain the crowds of children that came to the tree.
Pittsburgers contributed so generously to the fund for
their tree that \$500 was left over as a nucleus for this
year's celebration.

A sum of \$500 is amply sufficient to finance any cele-
bration, as was proved in Springfield, Mass., where for
that amount a beautiful pageant, with carols and recita-
tions, brilliant colored lights and music was arranged
about the tree.

San Francisco and Philadelphia had several trees, and
Pittsburg, Chicago and New York are among the cities
which will this year likewise celebrate the community
Christmas simultaneously in three or four different parks.

The community Christmas tree, typifying a broader
humanity, is a move in the right direction—the restoration
of its public character to the universal celebration, which
had degenerated into a mere personal gift-swapping insti-
tution, with its selfishly restricted festivities, to inade-
quately commemorate the spiritual re-birth of the world.

WHAT WE ARE LOSING

A COMPARISON of what it is with what it ought to
have been is always an interesting proposition, no
matter what may be the chief factor in the problem.

The irrigated district of North Yakima produced
about three-fourths of a carload of fruit to the acre. That
was the general average. That would be worth, f. o. b.
the cars at that point, an average of \$450 the car. Yakima's
9600 cars of fruit, therefore would be worth \$4,320,000.

The Medford district's acreage in bearing fruit was
two-thirds that of Yakima. Therefore, had our acreage
been irrigated, it should have produced two-thirds as many
carloads of fruit worth two-thirds as much money, or
\$2,880,000.

Without irrigation, however, we did nothing of the
kind. It is almost a shame to print the figures. But here
they are: We produced 425 carloads of fruit, worth, f. o. b.
the cars Medford, \$191,250, which is just \$2,688,750 short
of what it should be.

More than two million and a half dollars is the sum,
therefore, that the fruit producers lost this year on account
of having no irrigation. The comparison with the Yakima
district is wholly fair. It had an abundance of water for
irrigation. We had none. Our loss shows the difference
between results with irrigation and those without it.

We have in the Medford district 23,511 acres of com-
mercial orchard. The acreage of what is known as family
orchards is sufficient to make our total 25,000. The Yak-
ima district has twice that total, but only a third more in
bearing. Being equal in all respects to the Yakima dis-
trict, except in the matter of irrigation, and superior to it
in many respects, we should have shipped this year 6400
carloads of fruit. The difference between that figure and
425 carloads which we will have shipped by the close of the
year is what makes us ashamed. It is what makes us poor,
as well. It creates mortgages and it will never give us
anything to pay them with, either.

NO LAW PERMITS
HAISELDON PROSECUTION

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23.—
There is no law in Illinois whereby
Dr. Harry J. Haiselden, the Chicago
physician who refused to save or
prolong the life of the Bollinger baby
in that city November 17, can be in-
dicted by a grand jury investigation.
Such was the information received
today by Attorney General Lacey
in a letter from State's Attorney Mc-
Lay Hayne of Cook county.

The letter was in reply to a request
of the attorney general for an inves-
tigation of the case by the Chicago
official.

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NO CHANGE AT ADEN
FOR OVER A MONTH

LONDON, Dec. 23.—On being
questioned in regard to the recent
Turkish official statement that, after
successful fighting, Turkish troops
were advancing on the British port of
Aden, in southern Arabia, J. Austen
Chamberlain, secretary for India, said
in the house of commons today there
had been no material change at Aden
for the last two months.

"On December 20 there was a
skirmish between our cavalry scouts
and an enemy patrol," he continued.
"The enemy lost nine killed and one
prisoner. Our casualties were one
wounded."

JOHN A. PERL
UNDERTAKER
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Ambulance Service Coroner

MAY STRIKE OIL
IN WELL DUG FOR
ARTESIAN WATER

If the Chadwick well, which is be-
ing drilled for artesian water at a
point six miles southeast of Medford,
should develop a flow of oil, it would
create a local sensation. Indications
now suggest that it may do that very
thing. Oil sand has been found and
already the prediction has been ven-
tured by John Stevens, who has had
extended experience at boring for oil
in the fields of California and else-
where, that a flow of oil will be found
at a depth of 1100 feet. The well is
now down 850 feet. Two hundred
and fifty feet of that depth is a 12-
inch hole. The remainder is 10 1/2
inches.

This well is being put down by
John Stevens and J. B. Platt. The
original purpose of the Chicago man
at the head of the project was to ob-
tain an artesian flow of water for
irrigation. During the progress
downward, however, four distinct
veins of coal have been found. To-
gether they measure a thickness of
twenty feet. The lowest vein, it is
said, appears to be an excellent qual-
ity of coal. Analysis will be neces-
sary to determine its quality, how-
ever.

Water has risen in the well to
within fifty feet of the surface, re-
ducing the progress of the work in
attainment of depth. But steady
work will be continued until a flow
of artesian water or of oil shall have
been reached, if at all obtainable
within a possible depth.

About a quarter of a mile from
and at an altitude of 800 feet above
this well, it is believed that the Sun-
nyside vein of coal has been discov-
ered. It is found in the face of what
is known as Castle Rock, and meas-
ures twelve feet in thickness. Search
has been made for this vein at that
locality previously, but without suc-
cess. A further effort will be made
to determine its extent and the qual-
ity of the product.

But the chief interest centers at
this time on the possibility of strik-
ing oil in the Chadwick well in that
vicinity. That there are indications
of it no one at all familiar with that
business expresses a doubt. Surface
indications of oil are much stronger,
however, several miles up the valley,
following the base of Grizzly moun-
tain, at a point not far beyond the
lithia springs on Emigrant creek. The
peculiar developments in the Chad-
wick well, near the Sunnyside coal
mine, therefore, have renewed talk
of development work at the upper end
of the valley.

PROFIT SHARING
PLAN FOR TOILERS IN
HARNESS TRUST

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The Interna-
tional Harvester company announced
a plan today to assist its 35,000 em-
ployees to become stockholders and
share in the company's profits.

Under the plan, which becomes ef-
fective tomorrow, all employees will
have an opportunity to purchase
profit-sharing certificates in the com-
pany, payments for which will be
made in monthly installments from
their salaries. These certificates, it
is provided, may be converted into
stock at a rate below market value.

To every employee who takes ad-
vantage of the offer before March
1, 1916, the company will add to his
payments 1 per cent of his earnings
annually.

Interest will be paid at the rate of
5 per cent per annum on all employees'
payments and credits on his profit-
sharing certificates.

Provision is made for postpone-
ment of payments in case of illness
or unavoidable layoffs.

ROBBINS RESIGNS
FROM DISTRIBUTORS

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23.—The
resignation of J. H. Robbins as gen-
eral manager of the North Pacific
Fruit Distributors has been filed with
the trustees of the organization. Mr.
Robbins said today he resigned on
account of ill health. He is president
of the Northwest Shippers' council,
an organization of fruit shippers.

AS WE GROW OLDER

our minds are quite as active as in
former years but our strength does not
respond when we need it most; perhaps
the kidneys are weak, the liver torpid,
rheumatic pains or stiffened joints
beset us, and we cannot easily throw
off the colds that winter brings.

What we need is the rich cod liver oil
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the body, while its glycerine soothes the
respiratory tract, and its hypophosphites
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TODAY
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reel Wm. S. Hart Drama and a one-reel Drama Sat-
urday. Mr. Hart is the world's greatest western per-
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SUNDAY THE GALLOPER
A five-reel Gold Rooster play, featuring Clifton
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For
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