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INCREASING USE OF COAL SUBSTITUTE.

Another coal strike is already threatened next April when coal mine agreements will again expire.

The continued warfare in the coal mines of the country is rapidly increasing the development of hydro-electric properties and the use of electricity. Also it is developing the use of kerosene stoves and oil burners of various kinds for use in every household.

The public is thoroughly tired of continued coal strikes with periodical shortage of coal and resulting higher prices which the people must pay. Oil and electricity, after once being installed, will displace coal permanently due to their increased convenience and economy.

The artificial gas industry can cope with the coal situation better than the individual, as this industry can lay in large supplies or operate its own coal mines at a minimum figure.

Every advance made in the use of oil electricity and gas for household and industrial purposes relieves the country that much from the disasters following a prolonged coal strike.

WHY ARE WE INTERESTED?

If you would ask the people of such states as Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico what industry was among their greatest employer of labor and producers of new wealth, they would say mining.

If you would ask the people of Washington and Oregon what industry was their greatest employer of labor, they would tell you lumbering and logging.

If you would ask the people of these states how conditions were when these industries were inactive they would tell you bad.

Lumber is the barometer of prosperity in the Northwest states, mining is the barometer of prosperity in mountain and Southwest states.

Both these industries are dependent on sound business conditions which encourage general industrial activity requiring new construction, railroad development, hydro-electric development and building of all kinds.

It would seem, therefore, that Western people would be solidly behind any national program looking to the maintenance of safe and sane national policies and to moderation in taxation. Also that they would be against radical labor policies of the I. W. W., the Russian destructionists and our own labor leaders who apparently would not hesitate to wreck the country industrially in order to bring about their dictatorial programs. It is the common citizen who suf-

fers most when our big primary industries, such as lumbering or mining are interfered with by local, state or national policies.

VERNONIA BOY NAMED

Earl Condit of Vernonia, has been appointed director of the Oregon Normal school basketball junior quintet. In the first intra-mural game of the season Thursday night, the seniors won from the juniors 21 to 18. The Normal upper classmen are said to have a strong team this year, and close score indicates close playing on both sides.

A Pair of Stockings

By Christopher G. Hazard

BUDDY SMITH had three ideas about his stockings—they were full of feet, full of holes, and they could be full of presents. It was with regard to the third idea that he was paying attention to the second. Willing to go barefoot under the circumstances, he was tying up the holes in his best stocking, with a view to the Christmas possibilities. His sister, Agnes, had already hung up a much longer stocking, with a note attached in which she informed all who might be concerned that this one was hers. But Agnes, like the monkey that used a rabbit for a muff and kept himself warm by hugging it, was a little selfish. Not only had she hung up one of her mother's stockings, but she had got an advantage over Buddy in the matter of the chocolate cake in the cupboard, for there were holes all round it the size of her little finger.

So it was that on Christmas morning the shorter stocking had the most in it.

Easily Managed

YOU must believe in Santa Claus. If in neglect you would not pause And see the holidays drift by And bring you nothing but a sigh.

He may not greet you if you wait In idleness and selfish state For him upon his way to start To grant the wishes of your heart.

For he his ways makes known to men By means that are beyond our ken, And as his journeying vast is made He uses many a masquerade.

So if a scarcity you fear In the supply of Christmas cheer, Just hustle like a willing elf, And be old Santa Claus yourself.

The Evergreen Tree

By Christopher G. Hazard

THE servants had retired and left the old lady alone. She sat before the decorated and lighted tree that was burdened with gifts that seemed to have no destinations. For Mrs. Stone was long past the wanting of gifts and no companions, young or old, sat with her, because she wished to be alone with her memories.

She was not as alone as she seemed to be, for, in the great chair opposite to hers memory placed the fairy figure of the child who had glanced and danced about the house and under the Christmas tree of long ago. Beside her there sat one who seemed to lay his hand again upon hers in happy and satisfied affection, while there bent over her the strong and tender youth who was once her hope for later years. Again the old house seemed full of joy, and noisy merriment drove out the deathly stillness, while the tree that is always green spoke of the immortality of happiness.

The next day, when the servants dismantled the evergreen tree, it was found that every gift was marked with a name, and they were busy that Christmas morning in distributing new happiness about the neighborhood.



To One And All:

*A Friendly and Sincere
Christmas Greeting
and Best Wishes for a
Happy, Healthy New Year.*

Dr. M. D. Cole, Dentist

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