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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas again brings its glad message to all. It brings joy to the rich and poor, entering every heart that is ready to receive. With the confidence of children, we can partake of happiness. We can renew our faith and trust and youth each time the Christmas bells ring out.

The Christmas spirit is evident in every community of the land and Nyssa is not excepted. Children have been the first thought of the grown-ups and for their enjoyment, they have planned Christmas parties, Christmas baskets and Christmas treats. The Auxiliary made merry with all the children of ex-service men at a gala party Monday night but Friday night is the biggest night of all as the community has combined efforts for the community tree at the Methodist Community church and the Sunday school tree at St. Paul's Episcopal church. Every child will have the opportunity to again see jolly Santa Claus. Better still Santa will bring them all a treat which has been provided by the church people, the business people and Eagles' lodge. In the rural communities, the schools will provide the treats. Yes, the Christmas spirit is everywhere.

In our business, one of the things which always brings Christmas joy is the happiness we feel when we pause to consider the loyalty of friends and readers of The Journal all over this county, in Idaho and beyond. Some of them



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"Sargon has brought health, strength and happiness to both my wife and me and I would not take all the money in the world for the night's sleep for years. Many good it has done us," declared Thomas B. Reed, well-to-do farmer and lumberman, residing at 919 Holmes street, Kansas City, Mo.

"Five years ago when on the train going from Bonanza, Canada, to Calgary, I had a severe attack of acute indigestion and no body thought I would live to reach my destination. When I came to myself I was in the hospital at Calgary.

"Since then I have suffered constantly from bilious attacks and splitting headaches that lasted for days at a time. Everything I ate disagreed with me. I had smothering spells that made me think I would die. I would get so dizzy I

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So, at this season of universal good feeling, allow us to express our deep thanks and extend each and all of you a Very Merry Christmas. May the New Year fill your cup to overflowing.

MORE LIKE OLD TIMES

Business as a whole, because of the Christmas season, is enjoying about a month or more of nearly old-time prosperity.

Every father, mother, sister, brother and sweetheart is doing his utmost to keep the old zest and spirit in Christmas, and because they are, temporary salvation is given to a fair percentage of unemployed by having their names again on the old payroll. We are, during this Christmas season, giving business renewed energy with our cheerful buying and enthusiasm. We can, by being conservative, keeping everlasting at it, bring this abnormal depression age to a much needed and justified end. For it stands to reason: Sensible use of credit and wise buying of those necessities we have been needing and luxuries we have desired means, like the honey bee, the busy hum of business; which naturally, calls for more employment and higher wages; and those big and most important factors mean higher prices and lower taxes.

And with all our doing and living let us remember to buy, sell and invest American!

GRANGE OPPOSES SALES TAX

A sales tax is a tax which the masses of our people will have to pay every day and on that ground the Oregon grange has based its strongly expressed opposition in spite of the fact that it has been proposed by Governor Meier for the so-called purpose of balancing the state budget. Instead of a sales tax, the grange favors increased income taxes and inheritance taxes if more money is needed for state purposes after needless expenses are reduced.

The sales tax is called a vicious tax by the grange, a tax that would be passed on and paid by the consumer. The proposition is not confined to Oregon but is said to be a national movement fostered by men who sit it preferred financial positions and who desire to escape the income, inheritance and gift taxes.

"The Oregon State grange is convinced there is much waste in the operation of state government and we propose a thorough investigation into all departments of the state," states a resolution drawn up by Ray Gill, state master. "We favor abolishment of the office of budget director, recently installed, and elimination of other unnecessary positions and commissions. We favor economy consistent with really necessary public service. We believe it is possible to run the state on one-half the last budget."

The Journal believes major emphasis should be placed on reduction of particularly unnecessary offices first and the hurry to find a new tax should be abated until the people of the state are thoroughly convinced that a new tax is needed.

ENGLAND PAYS—FRANCE REPUDIATES

Maintaining the tradition that "England always pays her debt," Great Britain last Thursday paid the United States \$95,000,000 in gold, her vast payment due on war debt, while France, said to be wealthier than ever before in her history, repudiated her debt payment also due Thursday and defaulted. England won the admiration and respect of the United States and entire world while France stands branded as the nation that reduced its pledged word to a scrap of paper.

A nation's prestige, like the individual's, depends upon the faithful performance of her obligations. France has blundered. The least the French chamber of deputies should have done was to accept Premier Herriot's plan for conditional payment of the debt installment of \$19,000,000 but instead France invited the question, "Can we be made to pay? France will pay. Already, she has impaired her ability to borrow money in the world markets by serving notice on all investors that she will pay only when she can be made to pay.

In 1914, France faced a crisis and aid came from across the Atlantic. Have her officials forgotten the sacrifices made by the American people and the American government? Belgium, which along with France has the greatest reason for thanksgiving, was the only other former ally to default.

The situation may yet be righted. All France was not in favor of repudiation. "France is making an enormous mistake," said Premier Herriot. "Remember, there is a simple truth standing out in this tragic debate and that is the signature of France. Let us remain faithful to the signature given so that the document will not be a scrap of paper."

COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

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Eight murders in Chicago Tuesday indicate that one great American community is taking steps to restore normal conditions.

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A CHRISTMAS POEM

John 3:16—For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

I wakened early one morning,
And felt in a rhyme mood,
I wanted to put into poetry
Some things that were wholesome and good.

Christmas is almost here again.
Say, where did the old year go?
What have we woven in for Him?
What have we got to show?

Let us then be up and doing,
Father Time is fleet of wing.
Let us quit our fret and stewing,
Give our hearts a chance to sing.

Sing his praises for his bounties,
Precious bounties that will last.
Ring out, joy bells, Christmas joy bells,
For the Christian's rich repast.

See, Oh, See our cup overflowing
With the blessings that He gives,
Better far than gold or jewels,
Kept in sacks or put on sieves.

Sweet communion with the Savior
As we move along the way,
May He bring it to you dear ones,
On this joyous Christmas Day.

Ring out, ring on, Oh, Christmas bells,
Through all the coming years,
Ring out the Glory of the Lamb,
Ring on till He appears.

—Mrs. M. A. McDonald,

Apple Valley.

CHRISTMAS NEVER GROWS OLD

The hope of the world is that Christmas does not grow old. The world may be cynical, life may be hard, hand may be raised against hand in the bitter struggle of men for the goals that entice them. Looking on that struggle, it may be easy to say that human love and charity have departed from the hearts of men.

But it is not so. All human relationships are founded on the qualities that Christmas typifies in man. No human society could exist without them. Laws could not govern hearts that knew not love, nor force constrain the acts of men who knew not mercy. These qualities are inherent in man.

He cannot divest himself of them. They are the heritage of his divine origin and nature. They distinguish him from the beasts. Christmas is the recognition of his own divine attributes. It is the history of man's conquest of life, which often seems ruthless and savage that no triumph of materialism, no

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Then does he lay aside that which is unworthy of him and partake anew of the spirit that alone can give purpose to his life on earth.

Christmas can never grow old.—Kansas City Times.

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