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PASSING EVENTS

This morning we enter upon Christmas week with the holiday at the remote end of the seven days. This leaves us today for thoughtful preparation and five days for active operations. A veteran business man gives it as his opinion that there has been more early shopping this year than ever before; his estimate is that there is one person in Missoula who has all of his Christmas trading done; in past years there has not been a single one at this date; this is a good gain in the percentage column, although the numerical showing is not so very great. If this estimate is correct, the next few days will be exceptionally busy with Missoula merchants and they are preparing to meet the demands of the closing week of the holiday shopping season; a perusal of The Missoulian's advertising columns this morning will satisfy even a stranger of this fact. In the announcements of the merchants this morning, there is contained a showing of which any city might be proud; it presents the mercantile interests of the city to excellent advantage and it is a convincing argument to the inquirer who seeks information as to the commercial advantages of Missoula. But of livelier and more timely interest is the bearing which these announcements have upon the Christmas shopper whose plans are not yet complete; he will find in the advertisements in The Missoulian this morning a complete holiday directory with some detail affecting every purchase which he expects to make.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—The giving of Christmas presents is either an annoyance or a delight, according to the way the bestowal of these gifts is made. "He gives nothing . . . who gives from a sense of duty." The Christmas spirit prompting our giving, the season becomes one of constant delight, affording happiness to the giver and the recipient alike. This spirit lacking, the gifts are but husks and there is no real enjoyment in either role of the Christmas drama, which becomes thereby a tragedy. There is too much of this giving because I must in our nowadays Christmas observance. It is a poor thing, this forced giving. The little gift which carries love with it is infinitely better than the costly present which is bestowed perfunctorily. A cheery Christmas greeting which is heartfelt carries with it more happiness than the valuable gift which goes alone, unaccompanied by the Christmas spirit. There is no need for a man to go broke in the purchase of presents; if he has the right kind of friends, they will be just as happy if he makes his purchases in accordance with his means, as if he goes beyond his limit; and if they are not the right kind of friends, he is better off without them. The Christmas giving is a beautiful custom; but the Christmas spirit must always go with it.

THE BRIDGE—We have had the bridge more than a week now; we have used the handsome structure and we have celebrated the acquiring of it; the celebration was one of the significant events of the week. Perhaps, as the cynics aver, the bridge would have been just as strong without the meeting. Possibly the bridge would have been as attractive if the meeting had not been held. But Missoula people would have overlooked an opportunity for getting better acquainted had they not had the jubilee gathering at the Harolds theater Tuesday night. That is the main point; we are all so busy these days that we do not mix enough; we do not keep in close enough touch with our neighbors; we do not have the interchange of views and opinions that we should have to get the most

good out of ourselves and out of our surroundings. And that is why the meeting was a good thing; those who heard the talks Tuesday night are a good deal better satisfied with Missoula and with the prospects for the days ahead than they would have been otherwise. It was good to learn how the county commissioners feel about the bridge; it was good to know that there is a better realization in Missoula of the power of the pull-together policy; it was good to hear the frank statement of conditions by the mayor and to know that he desires the co-operation of all citizens in the execution of the plans for civic betterment which are about to be put into effect. On all these accounts, the meeting was a success and it is better for the city and for the county that it was held. There should be more such meetings. There should be more booster banquets. And, in a few weeks now, there should be a Red Apple banquet that will wake up the city and will let the state know that Missoula is on the map.

ANOTHER BIG ONE—The week brought positive announcement regarding the construction of the Milwaukee station, its location and its general design. The station building will be another addition to the notably fine structures in the city. It will be creditable to the railway company which is constructing it and it will be a distinct ornament to Missoula. There remains now the award of the contract for the construction of the station and work will be started soon. The Milwaukee people deserve the thanks of the city for their care and interest in the matter of the design for the station; its location is such that an inconspicuous design would have destroyed an effect that will be striking. The best talent available was employed to prepare the plans and assurance is given that the station will be a fine example of architectural effect.

WITHIN REACH—This morning it is the pleasure of The Missoulian to be able to give definite information regarding the plans for the federal building in Missoula. Our Washington correspondence contains the news that the plans for the structure will be ready in the early spring and that construction will be started in the summer. This is not far off; the building begins to seem more of a reality than it has ever been; we shall have this further addition to our architectural attractions before another year, and our postal facilities will be correspondingly improved. During the week The Missoulian announced the action of the postoffice department in increasing the local force by the addition of a carrier; it is time we had a building for the postoffice; it has far outgrown its present quarters. But with the assurance that the new building is soon to become a reality, we can wait with greater patience for the bettered conditions which its completion will bring.

THE COURT HOUSE—Meanwhile, the work of finishing the new court house is proceeding quietly and effectively. The interior is assuming a completed appearance and it is already possible to judge of the convenience and beauty of the structure. Spring will find the county officers in their new quarters and for the first time in many years Missoula county's business will be transacted with comfort and dispatch. The court house is developing, under the expert hands of the finishers, into a wonderfully beautiful structure; the county will be proud of

it when it is finished. When the last bit of work has been done in its construction, there should be another celebration; the building will justify it. The bridge came as a Christmas present; the court house will not be far behind. It is well that they didn't finish together, as it is better to have two meetings than one. There was, unfortunately, no formal coronation laying at the court house; there should certainly be dedicatory ceremonies when the structure is occupied.

GET UPON THE LIST—During last week the chamber of commerce elected its new executive committee; tomorrow night the members of the new committee will meet to select officers for the coming year. The approaching season contains much that will demand the attention of the chamber of commerce; its officers should be men who will give to the work of the organization the attention which is necessary to insure its success. The officers, however, cannot do everything; they must have lack of them the support of a membership that insures the carrying out of their plans for the development and betterment of the city. In years past the chamber of commerce has done much to advance the interests of Missoula; in the years ahead it can do much more if it has the cordial support of the business and property-owning interests of the city. The dues are small; the payment of these small sums by all of the business men in the city would keep the chamber in funds that would make possible much work that is now beyond reach. Why not let this holiday season witness an awakening of interest in the chamber of commerce that will double its active membership? There could be no better Christmas gift to Missoula. Secretary Ebert's service terminates with end of this month, he having resigned. The election of officers will include the choice of a man to take up the work which he has done; tomorrow night's meeting is important.

LOOKING ABOUT—The suggestion made through The Missoulian not long ago by Mayor Logan, that it is time to take up the consideration of the question of a new city hall, has received considerable attention. It is recognized pretty generally that new quarters are imperatively needed for the city's business. Already it has become necessary to rent quarters for several of the officers. Each year will find it more difficult to secure a location and the city council has wisely begun to look about to find a site that will be advantageous. The remarkably good showing made this year by the city administration with respect to the finances of the municipality warrants the undertaking of plans for a new city hall, to be carried out in the near future.

OUR NEIGHBORS—Missoula's neighbors are making good right along in the Bitter Root valley. Hamilton is carrying out plans for improved water and light service, made necessary by her rapid growth. She has not delayed in this work but is pushing right along. Stevensville is making extensive improvements along similar lines. In a very short time it will be necessary for other towns in the valley to incorporate; Victor cannot keep pace with the development of her territory unless she has a corporate existence. Florence is reaching a point where she must consider the proposition of getting into the procession. Away up the valley, Darby will soon find it necessary to have a local government to go

with her railway connections. To the westward, Pains has developed rapidly since she assumed local government and has found it all to her advantage. There is no more progressive, up-to-date town of the size of Pains in the country than the nearest western neighbor of Missoula. The Christmas season finds all of Missoula's sister cities in western Montana in flourishing condition; to each of them and to all of them Missoula extends the compliments of the season with best wishes for a merry Christmas.

A LAST WORD—In Missoula the coming week promises to be busy—exceedingly so. There is one great advantage about this late shopping—it must all be done at home. The shop early argument having fallen upon heedless ears, the last rush of the Christmas buying must go to the home dealer. To those who have yet to make their Christmas purchases, The Missoulian commends the merchants whose announcements occupy so much of the space of this newspaper this morning. They are worthy of patronage; they are your home people and they are with you all the time. Let your Christmas plans include the patronage of these people who are your neighbors and your friends. This will make Missoula's Christmas the liveliest and merriest she has ever known. Boost for the home Christmas.

Let us, then, be up and doing. With a heart for any fate, Since we failed to do it early, Let us do our shopping late.

If Collector Loeb has succeeded in discovering some scales that cannot be fixed, he will confer a favor upon a long-suffering world by communicating the details of his find.

Those who imagine that Columbus is the party of chief interest in the special session have another guess coming; Helena is the community most benefited.

Prince Albert will get the throne, but the fortune seems to have been annexed by the Baroness Vaughan. Leopold was shrewd to the last.

The United States of Central America will not be united firmly until the fusion is promoted by patriotism instead of graft.

Count Boni has been assessed with the costs in his latest suit against Anna Gould; the lawyers will be poorly paid.

At its present rate of growth, the Missoula postoffice will need its new quarters long before it is able to move.

Nowhere in the west is there a city whose home merchants do as much to make Christmas happy as in Missoula.

The prosecution of the sugar-fraud cases will fall utterly if convictions are limited to clerks and weighers.

Down in Nicaragua they don't have to remember the Maine, but they do not fail to recollect Zelaya.

Collector Loeb has abandoned the quest for an honest man and now hopes for honest scales.

Christmas comes but once a year; this is a very wise provision by the calendar man.

The man who does not advertise has no ground for complaint because business is poor.

In the cases of the sugar men higher up, there should be no recommendation for mercy.

A football coach should be able to furnish valuable suggestions to tardy shoppers.

In delaying your shopping until this week you have given yourself the

Special Stunts at Washington



Washington, Dec. 18.—While waiting for the special messages of President Taft, the sport lovers of the house and senate are watching the "great battle" which has been staged by the leading statesmen for the edification of the public. It is understood that "Ted" Rickards is making an effort to move the attraction to San Francisco for the holiday period. Should he succeed the picture privileges alone would be worth more than a million.

The principal contestants in the arena at present are "Gif" Pinchot, the fighting lumberjack; "Achilles" Ballinger, the Siwash zero; "Joe" Cannon, the Danville bantam; "Batling

worst of it, but you may mitigate conditions by starting early Monday morning.

There are good things left in the stores; Missoulian ads tell where they are.

Every day is bargain day in the stores which advertise in The Missoulian.

Leonid was fond of a hot time, and he is where he has one all the time now.

Read The Missoulian's advertisements and your shopping will be easy.

It's a merry Christmas for Helena with an extra session coming up.

There being no woman in the case, it is natural to blame the scales.

You'll have plenty of company in your shopping this week.

There's something good for everybody in Missoula's stores.

At this distance, it seems likely that Columbus stonewill win.

The Zelaya resignation evidently has a string attached to it.

Having failed to shop early, get in and shop fast.

Grid up your joints and sail in.

Start early Monday morning.

Zelaya, also, is a liar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY

Review. Golden Text for the quarter—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. II Tim. iv:7. The following questions can be used as a new and complete lesson, as well as for a review of the eleven preceding lessons. The date and title of each lesson and where found, the Golden Text, and one question from each of the eleven preceding lessons follow: October 2.—Paul a Prisoner—The Arrest. Acts xlii:17 to 22:29. Golden Text: Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. II Tim. ii:3. Verses 20-24.—In bridging the two dispensations, is it likely that God, so to speak, winked at the apostles trying to graft the law of Moses into Christianity, or was it God's plan that Jewish Christians should still keep the law? October 10.—Paul a Prisoner—The Plot. Acts xxli:30 to xxli:35. Golden Text: I will say of the Lord He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust. Psalm 91:2. Verse 11.—There is no way to take the miraculous out of the New Testament without destroying it. Now in view of that fact, why did not God rescue Paul, in this instance, as He did from the prison at Philippi? October 17.—Paul a Prisoner—Before Felix. Acts xxli: Golden Text: Herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man. Acts xxli:16. Verses 26-27.—What was the besetting sin of Felix, and how do you estimate the character of a man who wants to be bribed to do right? October 24.—Paul a Prisoner—Before Festus and Agrippa. Acts xxli:6-12. Chapter 26. Golden Text: I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. II Tim. i:12. Verses 24-32.—Why did not Festus and Agrippa both turn to God, seeing that they were clearly convinced of the truth of Christianity and their need of salvation? October 31.—Paul a Prisoner—The

Nelson Aldrich and "Herb" Parsons, the candy kid. This terminology is gathered from the crumbs of the recent Crillon club feast. The wit who originated the "battle royal" is destined to go down in history along with the author of the "big stick" and the "tennis cabinet" of the Roosevelt administration. A titter passes over the house and senate even today when the names are suggested in whispers.

Spelling of the special messages, it appears of this writing that the president is not going to burden congress with any extra work before the holidays. He is evidently determined to give the law makers time to go home

voyage. Acts xxvii:1-24. Golden Text: Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5.

Verses 21-26.—What reason is there to believe from this narrative that when we fail to use, and it is too late to adopt God's best plan, he will still graciously provide a good one which we may adopt? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

November 7.—Paul a Prisoner—The Shipwreck. Acts xxvii:27 to xxvii:38. Golden Text: The Lord redeemed the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate. Psalm 24:22.

Verses 33-35.—May praying and fasting, when you sought to be eating and working, be as great a practical crime as scuttling the ship?

November 14.—Paul a Prisoner in Rome. Acts xxviii:11-31. Golden Text: I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans 1:16.

Verses 25-26.—Is it a law of God that sin deadens the conscience and perverts the judgment, hence, can a man living in any kind of sin, trust his judgment on personal, moral and spiritual questions?

November 21.—Paul's Story of His Life. II Cor. i:11:21 to xli:10. Golden Text: He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. II Cor. xli:5.

Chapter xli: 1-6.—What is the only real proof of God, of immortality and of the wisdom of the spiritual life?

November 28.—Paul on Self-Denial. Romans xli:10-21. Golden Text: It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth. Romans xli:21.

Verses 15-16.—If you enjoy and drink your glass of wine, when you know that wine drinking is doing vastly more harm than good, what sort of a person are you?

December 5.—Paul on the Grace of Giving. II Cor. viii:1-5. Golden Text: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts xx:35.

Verse 15.—What reason is there to believe that if we give systematically to God's cause that we ourselves shall never lack?

December 12.—Paul's Last Words. II Tim. iv:1-8. Golden Text: For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21.

Verses 3-4.—Why is it that burglars, gamblers, counterfeiters, liars, drink-

and do their shopping early. The Niagara situation is the only question upon which the president may speak. There is a little sentiment in the move to take a hand in the Central American muss. The feeling is growing that action should be taken at once in order to bring about the world wide peace at Christmas time. "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" is being worked to the utmost by friends of Secretary Knox, who is waiting orders to bring Zelaya and his cohorts to time. The friends of the corporations are making the same argument and it is probable the rich will eat their Christmas dinner in peace.

ers, and other bad men and women, often persuade themselves that they are right? Lesson for Sunday, December 26, 1939.—The Birth of Christ. Matt. ii: 1-12.



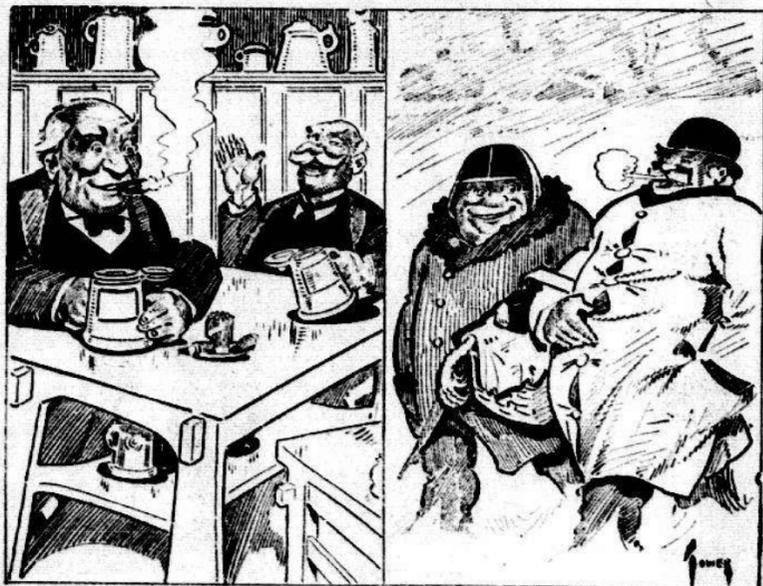
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Last year you and you, and all good fellows in town had a royal good time over several steins, hot birds and cold bottles. The celebration cost you \$10 or \$20 or \$100. Will you ever forget the headache? And you thought you were having the time of your life, too. Now, this Christmas think what you can do with that little sum you spent last year

smoke a little, drink a little and swear for a good time. Fill up your basket with cats and toys and just drop down to the poorer sections of town and play vice. Whatever our code of morals may be, you are not all bad just because you like to cut in and have some fun with the boys once in a while. But this Christmas think what you can do with that little sum you spent last year

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Mr. Charles F. Dallman Announces to Christmas Shoppers

that he has opened a branch store in the HOYT MUSIC STORE, Union Block, to facilitate the handling of the Christmas trade and to insure prompt attention to all orders. Our Christmas line is the most complete ever offered to the PARTICULAR BUYERS of Missoula. We have included in our holiday line an exclusive line of fenderies and Christmas bells. Our holly and mistletoe has been selected by a personal representative, insuring heavily-berried and excellent foliage on our stock, which arrives daily. Christmas trees 50c up. At the BRANCH STORE, 125 East Main street, you will find a large assortment of live plants. PHONES—192 Red; 45, Greenhouse; 772, Branch Place Your Orders Early and Avoid the Rush Our American Beauties Cannot Be Excelled