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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Everyone wants to enjoy a Merry Christmas, but some people do not know how to enter into the Christmas spirit.

In the gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 18, verse 3, it is written: "Except ye become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Christmas is essentially the children's day and unless older people become as little children they can not fully attain the joyous spirit of Christmastide.

Little children are loving and forgiving. They do not harbor malice and hatred. The man or woman who is cherishing grudges and illwill against other people can not hope to have a really Merry Christmas.

Little children are trustful. They regard everyone they meet as a friend. The man or woman who is suspicious of the motives and sincerity of every ecquaintance, can not enter fully into the Christmas spirit

Little children are generous and want to share their pleasures with all about them. The man or woman who is selfish and loath to contribute anything he or she possesses to minister to the wants and needs of the less fortunate, can not expect Christmas, the day of giving, to bring a full measure of happiness.

Children are light-hearted and genial. The man or woman who cultivates a grouch and carefully refrains from distributing smiles and cheery words, is disqualified from having a Merry Christmas.

Children are sympathetic, and want to comfort those who manifest signs of suffering or grief. The self-centered man or woman, whose heart does not respond to the needs of those in trouble and sorrow for sympathy and encouragement, can not hope to fully share in the Christmas spirit.

The nearer we can become as little children the merrier our Christmas will be.

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CONSULT YOUR BANKER

People go to a doctor for advice regarding their health, they go to a dentist for advice regarding their teeth, they go to a lawyer for advice regarding their legal affairs. They do this as a matter of course, even though they expect to pay for that advice. Then why not go to your banker for advice regarding your financial investments, especially when that advice can be secured free of charge? The doctor will warn you against taking harmful quack remedies, the dentist will warn you against fake practitioners who advertise cheap work, the lawyer will warn you against accepting deeds to property without a complete and satisfactory abstract. You seek and accept their advice because you know that their preparation and experience have qualified them to give it. Just so the training and experience of the banker have given him a better knowledge of what investments are sound and what are risky, than the ordinary man can hope to attain. They will warn you against investing your money in illegitimate get-rich-quick schemes.

On the first of next month the government of the United States will redeem millions of dollars of war saving stamps and several thousands of this money will be disbursed in Pullman and vicinity. When the people cash in their stamps they will either spend the money or they will reinvest it. The promoters of dishonest schemes are counting upon reaping a rich harvest from the money represented by these savings stamps. The market will be flooded with get-rich-quick securities and the people will be importuned to invest the money received for the stamps in attractively printed stock certificates of fake oil, mining and land companies.

Before you invest in any security which promises unreasonable returns on a small investment, talk it over with your banker. He will be glad to advise you regarding securities of which his training and business have made him a far better qualified judge than you are. His advice, given without charge, will, in 99 cases out of a hundred, make you more money than any proposition presented by a slick tongued salesman of questionable securities. Your banker is interested in you, the salesman is interested solely in himself. Consult your banker before you invest your war savings stamps money.

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A PROPOSED STATE INCOME TAX

According to announcement by state headquarters of the Washington Tax Limit League, the state income tax which it proposes, aimed to bring about reduction of taxation on property to 40 mills, will not hit the average man who makes $200 a month or less, and will actually save money for the average home owner who makes up to $5000 a year.

Take the average wage earner, married, two children, who has bought a little home from years of saving. The home valued at $4000, is assessed at $2,000. With the tax rate at 70 mills, he pays $140 in taxes, out of his wages. With the 40-mill limit he would pay only $80 taxes, a saving of $60.

The state income tax is to take care of those essential governmental costs, over and above what a 40-mill levy on property will pay for. The wage earner, suppose, makes up to $200 a month. For himself and his wife he is allowed $2000 exemption, and $200 for each of the children (or other total dependents), making at least $400, or a total exemption of $2400. Since he is allowed as much in exemptions as he actually makes, he will pay no income tax.

Take the average business man, corner grocer or merchant. Suppose he is making $5000 a year, and has a $5000 home. On the home he is paying, with a 70-mill tax levy, $175 in taxes on the 50 per cent valuation. Under the 40-mill levy he would pay but $100 taxes. Give him a wife and two children, and his exemptions, too, would total $2400. He would pay state income tax on $2600 then. Under the income tax rates proposed by the league, this man would pay $74 in income tax. This, with his reduced property tax, would total $174 for the two taxes, $1.00 less than he is paying under the present system.

Take the city professional man, married, two children, living in an apartment. Suppose he makes up to $10,000 a year in fees. He now escapes real property tax. Under the proposed income tax, giving him the same exemptions as the other two men, he would pay tax on $7600, amounting to $256; this, for the protection and advantages afforded by government, for which he does not pay at all.

This last man will not be injured by assuming his just proportion of the cost of state and local government. How long would he maintain his $10,000 income with the business and agriculture of the state stifled by excessive taxation? The increased prosperity brought about by a 40-mill property tax limit law, with its levy distributing features, would be the best insurance policy the city professional man could buy.

As to the farmer, the league concludes, data of the Washington State Grange shows he has made no income above labor costs during the last ten years, except one war year when he made four per cent on his investment. He could scarcely, then, pay an income tax, but he would be helped by the proposed law which limits his property tax levy to not more than 40 mills on the dollar of a 50 per cent valuation.

84 PER CENT OF COLLEGE MEN ARE EARNING WAY

That 84 per cent of the men students at the State College of Washington are earning all or part of their expenses is shown by a report of Graduate Manager H. M. Chambers, who compiled statistics from an enrollment questionnaire filled out by 1374 men.

Those who live 80 miles or more from the campus and are earning all their expenses, or part, or have earned the money themselves before coming, are 74 per cent of the W. S. C. men—1022; while those within an 80 mile radius who are doing the same are 10 per cent—approximately 142; only some 16 per cent being educated by money they did not earn themselves, including the vocational men whom the government takes care of.

There were 48 per cent who stated that they had earned all the money that brought them to college, and 13 per cent more who must earn everything while there. There were 8 per cent who earned two-thirds of their money, and a like number who must do the same during the college year. Some 13 per cent earned half their funds and 14 per cent are doing so now; while 12 per cent earned one-third of what they brought with them, and 19 per cent who must earn a third there.

Some 9 per cent of the men are vocational board students and 10 per cent either did not answer the question as to the money they brought with them in the fall, or said they did not earn it. Some 37 per cent failed to indicate whether they must find jobs during the year, or said they would not need to.

This large amount of self-support is in spite of the fact that the registrar, in writing prospective students, advises them to have on hand enough money at least for the first semester when they arrive, unless they have already secured a position. It often takes a student some little time to find his opportunity, or show his abilities, and in the meantime he has his bills to meet. The college uses student help wherever it can, thus enabling a large number of boys and girls to remain in college whose parents can not afford to pay all their expenses.

SOLVE MARKET PROBLEMS BY GRADING AND STANDARDIZING

That grading and standardizing are the means by which a farmer will make most of his gains in marketing his product, was stressed by Prof. E. F. Dummeier, economist of the State College of Washington, addressing the 11th annual conference of extension service staff there.

Fundamentals of economic marketing, according to Professor Dummeier, are efficient management, adequate finances, volume of business, methods (or plan of distribution), and quantity of production.

Lack of finances, he said, was the cause of failure of many of the co-operative marketing schemes. It takes big sums to swing commodity marketing.

First standardize, and then get the commodity up to carload lots, and the marketing costs will be cut down enormously, he believes.

Here is a list of books he recommends as good authorities on marketing: "Co-operative Marketing," Wm. W. Cumberland, Princeton University Press; "The Marketing of Farm Products," Weld, Macmillan; "Agricultural Marketing," Hibberd; "Price of Milk," Clyde L. King; and especially these two: "Efficient Marketing for Agriculture," Theodore Macklin, Macmillan; and "Agricultural Economics," James E. Boyle, Lippincott.

HE SHOULD BE AN EDITOR

When a number of passengers for this section of the country were held at Pullman last Sunday by stalled trains the kind and thoughtful Johnny Roberts, conductor of the Genesee bullet, informed some of the ladies that if they would file an expense account with him for the expense of having to stay over in Pullman, they would be re-imbursed. Several of the ladies made a real picnic out of the 24-hour stop-over and then turned in long lists of expenses incurred during their forced sojourn in the college town. Roberts criticized the items in some instances, but he got by with the hoax and the ladies are now wondering if they will get their money back from the railroad company before Christmas. —Uniontown Journal.

RETROSPECTIVE

Pullman Thirty-three Years Ago

(From The Pullman Herald of December 21, 1889)

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, in St. Joseph, Mo., on Dec. 10, V. L. Higgins of Pullman to Miss Emma Peed. The bride and groom arrived in Pullman, their future home, on Wednesday evening. The Herald joins their many friends in extending to them best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

John Elbert had the second finger of his left hand shot entirely off yesterday while out hunting. The gun fell in the snow, filling the muzzle, which he attempted to clean out with his finger. The hammer caught on his pants and discharged the gun, with the above results.

E. E. Gallagher left for Alviso, California, last Sunday evening, where he will spend the winter, returning to Pullman in the spring. Some suspect he has matrimonial intentions.

Thomas Click, a farmer living in the northeastern part of Whitman county, was shot down in cold blood at about 9 o'clock last Monday morning in front of the city hall, where the superior court was in session, by Ben Blanton, a notorious character, who has figured in the courts a number of times. Blanton was seized by Deputy Sheriff Young, who arrived on the scene immediately after the fifth shot was fired, and taken to the county jail, where he is now confined.

There is a division in the agricultural committee of the legislature over the location of the agricultural college. Some favor two colleges while others think one is sufficient.

IDAHO GRADUATE, NATIVE OF INDIA, VISITS CAMPUS

Returning to his native home in Punjab, India, P. D. Sharma, who has been in America several years doing practical work in forestry and who has just received his master's degree at the University of Idaho, visited the State College today, gathering further information about American schools.

Mr. Sharma is a very interesting talker and was well pleased with his broadening experience out west. He will perhaps re-enter the British forestry service upon his return. He received a British commission during the World War.

THE FORUM

Under this head will be published communications upon any subject of general interest to the community. The articles should be brief—not over 500 words, unless dealing with matters of great importance—must be free from personalities, and must be signed by the writer. The Herald is not responsible for any opinions which may be advanced by contributors to this department and reserves the right to determine whether or not contributions are suitable for publication.

Editor of The Herald:

It may be news to some that there is an organization known as the National Association of Letter Carriers. It may be of interest to know that the Pullman carriers have been members of the association, as branch 1296, for most of the time since free delivery was established here.

Being so few in number and working all together, we never had occasion to make ourselves prominent. Last September we varied from that policy when we went to Spokane to attend the state convention 100 per cent strong.

The granting of a new carrier and the transfer of one man to College station altered the conditions and it became necessary to change our form of meeting.

As matters of business required the attention of the branch, a meeting was called at Robinson's Cafe last Saturday evening and after a good "feed" at which all, including the new carrier, were present, the business of the evening was taken up.

The new carrier, Glenn G. Vincent, was elected a member of the branch after which the election of officers followed. O. P. Ricketts was re-elected president for the coming year and W. H. Latta secretary-treasurer. Other business was disposed of and informal talks were made by the members on matters relating to the welfare of the service.

One thing which seemed to appeal strongly, not only to the carriers but to the rest of the office force, was the fact that a stove had been installed in the main office as an addition to the heating plant and that now they could work in comparative comfort. How we were able to endure the cold in the past is hard to say but postal workers have to be a picked bunch and so I suppose are able to endure more than the ordinary. At any rate, congratulations.

The carriers are getting adjusted to the new routes and have things pretty well in hand to meet the Christmas rush which is now upon us.

We ask for the co-operation of the public, and would like to call attention to a new official order that requires some kind of a mail receptacle at each house by the first of the year. For further information see Postmaster Allen.

After deciding to hold our meetings once a month, the meeting adjourned.

W. H. LATTA.

MIDDLETON TO SING AT STATE COLLEGE

Arthur Middleton, one of the best known baritones in the United States, is to appear in recital at Pullman, January 12. He has a nation-wide reputation and is considered by music instructors on the campus as being one of the best of the singers who have visited W. S. C.

Mr. Middleton was at one time a member of the Metropolitan Grand Opera company, of New York, and since has sung with great success in concert work.

"If there is his equal as an oratorio singer in America, we have not heard him. He has one of the world's fines voices," said the Chicago Daily Journal, after Mr. Middleton's appearance there in the "Messiah." He is classed as a bass-baritone and is noted for the dramatic effect he brings into his interpretation. The Topeka State Journal said: "His voice has no equal on the concert stage today. He electrified his audience."

During the last season Mr. Middleton performed in concerts and operatic performances in nearly 20 states in America, and appeared a score of times in California cities.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL BUYS PLAQUE IN NEW STADIUM

The athletic council purchased a plaque in the Gonzaga University stadium which entitles the college to one representative at all the games in the stadium during the next five years.

When putting up curtains, if a thimble is placed over the end of the rod it will allow the rod to slip through the loop easily and save time and patience.

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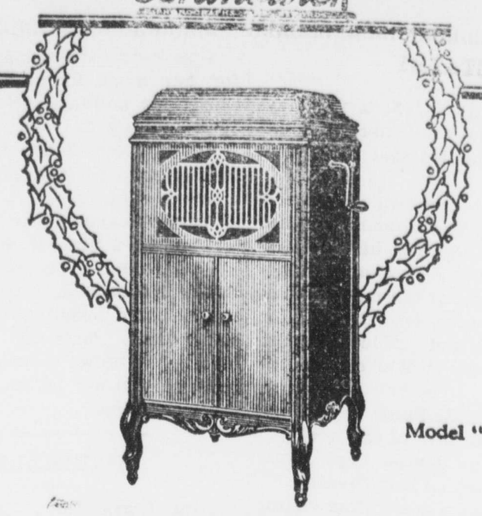

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