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THE PITY OF IT

A boy of 18 and a young man scarcely more than a boy, he being but 22 years old, were electrocuted at Sing Sing, New York, Monday. They were sentenced to die Friday next, but to save their folks the sorrow of a funeral Christmas they both requested that their sentence be carried out sooner, and their request was granted. They went to their deaths bravely, and each paid the penalty for his crime whatever it was, in full. The law is satisfied. Is Humanity? About the poorest use that can be made of a man, especially a young man is to make a corpse of him. It was a pathetic story that of the destroying of these boys. The old father of one of them sat from 3 o'clock in the morning, waiting for a chance to say good bye to his son, but this was denied him despite his pleading that he might carry some message from the doomed boy back to his mother. And so he sat unmoving for hours, waiting for the time when he could look upon what the law had made of his boy, could place his loving old hands on the dead face and recall the time, the so short time, since he held him, his first born, in his arms, a laughing baby. It may be all right. Laws must be enforced and crimes must be punished--and yet it is a pity that it punishes others so much more severely than those upon whom it places the direct punishment.

Not counting the smaller firms in Chicago who will remember their employes in a substantial way with increased wages or bonuses, there will be more than nine million dollars distributed by the big companies and firms such as the Armours, Swifts, Sears-Roebuck and such. It looks like a vast sum to be voluntarily passed over to the wage earners, and it is; at the same time it is but a small portion of the vast earnings these companies have made, and but a deserved division of the prosperity that has followed the war. It is deserved not only for services well rendered, but is really due the workers on account of the increased cost of living due to the things that have made these great profits possible. It is recognition that if Labor and Capital are to be the friends they should be, that Labor is entitled to a share of the increased earnings that will make it comfortable while Capital swells its bank account.

Gamblers are alike the world over, easily moved to change their bets or to place coppers on them. When the first part of Lloyd-George's speech was given to the public Monday in New York, stocks jumped several points in a few minutes, and orders to buy poured in. It was the same way in Chicago in the grain market where prices advanced swiftly. This because the first part of the speech indicated Great Britain would refuse utterly to entertain any talk of peace. Later, when it appeared that England would answer the German proposal, and ask for a definite statement as to terms proposed, the gamblers thought they saw a chance for the war ending and hurried to get from under such loads as they were carrying, and to avoid a decline in prices certain to follow a definite move for peace. The result was the same in each place, and prices dropped.

We do not pretend to say that the sending of a committee back east to interest manufacturers of flax products in the business in Oregon, is the best thing that could be done, but it is a good move just the same, as is any other that tends to call attention to the Oregon fiber and lay the foundation for its manufacture here. There is but one drawback in the way of local factories and that is the scarcity of cheap labor. We have the fiber and can grow unlimited quantities of it; we have the most abundant and cheapest power in the world in our mountain streams; we have cheap sites but we have not the cheap labor that can be found around the great eastern centers. If we had the factories the labor would come naturally; and if we had the labor the factories would be looking this way. The puzzling question now is as to which we can acquire first.

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SHOP EARLY

By JAMES M. HEADY

NOW ON THE LEVEL--SHOULD WE?

TO MR. AND MRS. MERCHANT, Salem and Elsewhere: "Shop Early! Shop Early!" the MERCHANTS all SAY, buy all of your presents before CHRISTMAS DAY. So old MR. PUBLIC and MISS PUBLIC TOO, they hustle and bustle and work up a STEW. It starts in the FALL along 'bout THANKSGIVING when the TURKS have decided "Life's not worth the LIVING."

Presents are purchased for MICKEY and KATE, the folks here at home and in far distant STATE--and then, when we feel that our shopping is DONE, the whole WAITER family starts in for the FUN.

They followed the style for a season or SO and then AN IDEA--it started to GROW. They saw that each year about December TWENTY when of presents and "sich" most the folks had a PLENTY, some GENT in the PAPERS and elsewhere would STATE--

"We have Plenty of Goods for the ONES WHO ARE LATE!"

"Our price is the lowest we've made yet THIS YEAR, we're both losing MONEY, if you don't trade HERE!"

So the TAIL ENDERS get about the same WARES that the EARLY BIRDS hide for a month OFF-UP-STAIRS.

And besides by their wait for the "PRE-XMAS SALE" they're saving themselves quite a bundle of KALE.

Now, I ask Mr. Merchant, do you think it is FAIR and nice and CONSISTENT, in fact is it SQUARE?

To give the best bargains to those who come LATE-- who don't really help you, but linger and WAIT.

Until a real bargain is offered on TAP? I fear for the sales-folk these don't care A RAP.

Now friend MR. MERCHANT, you think I'm SEVERE, but this thing's increasing now Year after YEAR.

If each one would wait till the very LAST DAY, believe me, STOREKEEPER, there'd be THUNDER to PAY.

So won't you next AUTUMN please startle the TOWN by saying in the "JOURNAL" our goods we MARK DOWN.

To the "Shop-Early folks who are in by THANKSGIVING," we'll help all we can in THE HIGH COST OF LIVING."

"But the ones who come late just before THE GLAD DAY are the ones to COUGH-UP, are the ones who should PAY."

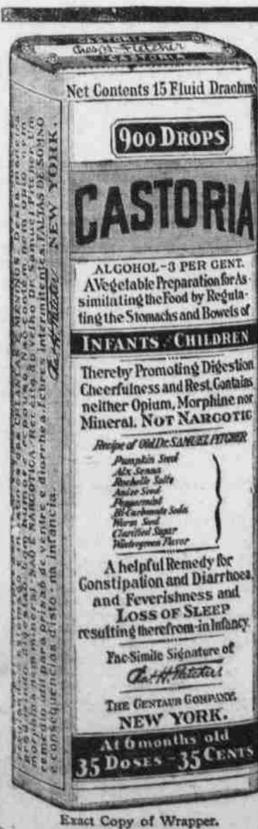
So, now Brother Merchant, I've told you my TALE and it may be perhaps that my logic will FAIL and if I am wrong and we don't AGREE I ask as a favor--write a letter to ME. And if your correction will set the thing RIGHT, I'll do what I can the very next NIGHT.

I Thank You.

"THE ADVERTISER,"

Who believes the storekeeper ought to help those MOST who help him THE MORE.

Probably President Wilson has been privately informed that all of the warring nations are extremely anxious to stop fighting--but just how to do it is what is puzzling them. The president is kindly giving them an excuse to get together.



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Christmas Program at Congregational Church

The annual Christmas program of the Central Congregational church will be given Friday evening, December 22. Members of the church have been busy the past week preparing to make the program more extensive than those of former years. The services will begin at 7:30 o'clock and the program is as follows: Song--"Joy to the World," by the Sunday school. Invocation. Song--"Oh Town of Bethlehem," by the Sunday school. Recitation--Ruby Plummer. Recitation--"The Doll and the Bear" by Russell Steiwer and Gertrude Sorenson. Recitation--"The Infant Jesus," by four girls of Mrs. Allison's class. Solo--Olive Barnard. Recitation--"For Us" by Mabel Harrison. Recitation--"What I can Do," by Harold Busick. Song--"Children of the King," by four girls. Solo--Leila Cookingham.

Recitation--"I Wish the Stars Would Speak to Me," by Donald Barnard. Song--"Under the Christmas Skies," Tableaux--"Birth of Christ" with appropriate songs. Song--"Mr. Santa Claus," by the boys. "Expecting Santa," by Russell Steiwer and Grace Litchfield. Arrival of Santa Claus and roping of Santa. Distribution of presents.

Masked Man Shoots Mail Clerk in Portland

Portland, Or., Dec. 21.--Police detectives expected to make an arrest today in their search for the masked man who called Nathan Hankin, mail clerk, to the door of his home and shot him. The bullet lodged in Hankin's right forearm. Hankin was playing "God Save the King" on a phonograph when he heard a knock. Opening the door, he was confronted by the assailant, who cried "Your hour has come!" Hankin slammed the door but the masked man fired through the panel.

LUMBER GETS A LIFT

Portland, Or., Dec. 21.--Lumber is up \$1 a thousand in all the northwestern mills today. The increase was necessitated, say timbermen, by the freight car shortage, which caused many mills to lose money.

OLIVER LUNDGREN DROWNED

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 21.--Oregon Agricultural College students today hunted in Marys river for the body of Oliver Lundgren, age 22, a member of the junior class. Lundgren drowned when his canoe upset. Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.