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ON THE WAY

Thanksgiving has ushered in the season of the Holidays. The joy-laden time of the year is at hand. The bright prelude of crisp days is already here. Expectancy is in the air.

The Consumer's League has some suggestions to Christmas shoppers which will make the season a real Christmas time for everyone.

1. Buy early in the season and early in the day.

2. Send packages two weeks ahead, marked "Not to be opened until Christmas."

3. Minister to actual needs. Give chiefly to children.

4. Choose presents having either usefulness or beauty.

5. Demand articles which have been made and sold under conditions fair and wholesome to the worker.

6. Remember that Christmas is of noble memory, not an occasion for display.

The announcement of that able statesman, Tim Woodruff, that Col. Theodore Roosevelt can be nominated and elected to the governorship of New York, will no doubt quiet the persons who started the Conspiracy tale and the Back from Elba story. In the meantime there is some disquietude as to when Mr. Roosevelt will leave off hunting.

The most conclusive evidence that The Laird of Skibo has really retired from business is his declaration that he is for forts, but is against "the mad race to see how many expensive battleships we can construct."

On the other hand, Mr. Rockefeller experienced his usual horror when he found that his company had been indulging in violations of the law and stated that he had retired from business.

Mr. Rockefeller had no sooner finished saying "We must struggle to be happy," than he conferred with his corporation counsel about the decision against the Standard.

It is rather tough for Mr. Shank to be blamed for not keeping his promises and to be prosecuted for having made them, isn't it?

At any rate, the decision had the effect of halting the \$800,000,000 Copper Trust in its organization.

Mr. Loeb announces that he is not yet through house cleaning. Customs change.

Of course no one can expect Uncle Joe to be pleased.

Of course, the Times-Star is not really prejudiced.

Items Gathered in From Far and Near

Convict Labor and Good Roads.

From the Baltimore Sun.

The employment of convict labor on the public roads in certain of the southern states has been found to be altogether advantageous, and in some of them, more especially in the Carolinas, great results have been achieved and a splendid system of highways built at small cost. Georgia has also embarked in road improvement by convict labor on a large scale, and it is expected that farm values will be greatly enhanced and the prosperity of the state advanced.

The Menace of the Mines.

From the Detroit Times.

It is not time that America was aroused? In no other country in the world is the disregard of human life so great. The annual sacrifice of lives in our mines is appalling. Our system is wrong. The responsibility of every man and woman must be made clear. Public opinion must be awakened.

Then the system will be changed. Legislation will compel a greater measure of justice, and these horrors will become less frequent.

Economic Anesthesia.

From the Milwaukee Journal.

A Missouri dentist says rosewater is as good as cocaine to inject into gums for painless tooth pulling, and asserts that all that is needed is to make the patient believe it will not hurt and he will feel no pain. This economical tip might also be used to advantage by physicians applying the radium treatment.

The Boycott.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Kentucky girl fired a couple of barrels of buckshot into a mob of night riders and routed them completely. It is a pity that Kentucky does not possess more girls who can shoot.

The Sunday Drunk.

From the Portland Oregonian.

The police judge rules that Sunday drunks hereafter will cost five times as much as weekday ones. Some of the victims may take the view that weekday drunks cost only one-fifth as much as Sunday ones, and be governed accordingly.

A Cause of Laziness.

From the Wilkesbarre Times-Leader.

The hook worm may cause laziness down south, but the angle worm dangling on the end of line is better known here.

TWINKLES

(BY PHILANDER JOHNSON)

The Juvenile Imagination.

Little Bobby had heard the story of the prophet who went to heaven in a chariot of fire.

"Did they put the fire out?" he asked.

"Certainly not."

"Well," commented the youthful inventor, "they ought to have used a aeroplane instead of a dirigible balloon."

"Do world," said Uncle Eben, "is sumpin' like a lookin' glass. You's giner get better results if you smiles dan if you makes faces."

Autumn Economics.

The gloom that in autumn compels us to banish good cheer from our minds is due, so the scientist tells us, to causes of various kinds; But in seeking the source of resentment, To this our attention he begs:

Poor Margaret North! Desire for dress, that craving for beautiful things which has ruined the lives of so many women, has made of her an early victim. She has paid her penalty.

How many youthful hearts have ached and yearned and suffered— hearts of the myriad children of the poor!

SOWING WILD OATS.

"Oh, after he has sowed his wild oats he will settle down."

But will he?

There is a popular impression that youth—male youth, not female—must have it fling; that it is a necessary experience in the evolution of man.

But if so why not let the girl sow her wild oats? Why not let her gain her experience in scattering evil?

"Oh, that's different!" you say.

How different?

What has the boy to gain in knowledge of evil things and practice of evil ways that a girl may not gain? And if the young man can sow with reckless hand and then miraculously settle down to an exemplary life why not a girl also?

Don't you see it is all wrong, this wild oats fling to the wind?

Don't you see the danger of reaping the whirlwind?

He who sows wild oats must reap wild oats—not wheat. "Whatsoever a man soweth that also shall he reap."

And not only must he reap the sort of grain he sows, but more than he sows. Evil propagates evil. A grain of wheat will "stool out" in the growing, producing many stalks for the harvest, which make a tough reaping.

It is hard work, this harvesting of evil seed. The stalks are tangled and tough, and the sweat must pour from the faces of the harvesters.

Young man—

Many a man of middle age today who has fought his way out of this snarled harvest field into the open would give his right hand to blot out the scars and the memories of that reaping. He shudders when he thinks what the result of his sowing may have been to others—if not to himself.

"Whatsoever a man soweth"—if the young men only knew!

Many of the sowers struggle and go down in the intertwined mat of the harvest. You have seen them hopelessly entangled!

You will come out all right?

Let us hope you may, but you will be a weaker man than you should have been. The odds are against you. The tangle of the weeds and the tares is about your feet.

"Whatsoever you sow you shall reap. And you must reap more than you sow."

That law of the moral world is just as true as the law of gravity in physics or the law of crystallization in chemistry.

"Whatsoever"—not less, but— More!

Iron pavements were first laid in London in 1817.

The first pipe organ was made by Archimedes in 220 B. C.

improved, but he isn't as good a performer on the guitar as he used to be."

Zelaya, Please Note!

No boastful swagger do we bring To view when cause for strife occurs:

Our eagle can full gently sing, But our dove of peace was born with spurs.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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PRESIDENT WILL OPEN CONVENTION

National Rivers and Harbors Congress Will Meet at Washington, D. C.

PREPARING THE PROGRAM

ADDRESSES WILL BE MADE AT THE SESSIONS BY MEN WHO HAVE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATIONS.

(American News Service)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—While the program for the National Rivers and Harbors congress, which meet in Washington, December 8, 9 and 10, is still incomplete, enough is known to predict the most interesting series of meetings ever held by a waterways convention; being the culmination of the busiest year ever known in the cause of improving the rivers, harbors and canals of the country.

The opening address will be made by the president of the United States and around Mr. Taft, men of national and international prominence will be grouped. Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charles Nagel and Secretary of War Dickinson, will represent the administration with addresses. The German Ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, and possibly Earl Gray, governor general of Canada, will represent the foreign interests.

Some of the Speakers.

The following others have consented to deliver speeches during the sessions of the congress: Senators T. E. Burton, of Ohio, chairman National Waterways commission; George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon; Governors Judson Harmon, of Ohio; Eberhart, of Minnesota; Burke, of North Dakota; Hadley, of Missouri and Patterson of Tennessee and Representatives Alexander, of New York, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors committee; Dallzell of Pennsylvania, Small of North Carolina and Burgess of Texas.

One of the sessions is to be given over to addresses from some of the leading editors of the country among whom will be Harvey M. Scott, of the Portland Oregonian; Lafayette Young of the Des Moines Capital; A. T. C. Hamlin, of the New York Tribune and Dr. J. F. Crowell, of the Wall Street Journal.

Prof. Emery S. Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania, who was with the National Waterway commission on its recent European trip, as the representative of the National Rivers and Harbor congress, will present a report on his observations during the summer.

Other addresses will be made by Governor Benton McMillan, of Tennessee; Hon. Frank Gates Allen, of Illinois; W. C. Fitz of Mobile, Ala.; Danforth E. Ainsworth, New York; Hon. Albert Rettinger, of Ohio; W. A. Johnson, order United Travelers of America; F. W. Crandall, Traveler's Protective association of America and C. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor.

Parents should keep the desire for expensive school clothes out of the heads of their girls.

It matters not if the parents are financially able to buy fancy clothes. They are out of place in the schoolroom.

Besides—

Such dressing fosters a trait in girls that needs no encouragement. Instinctively they desire to wear pretty clothes, but these need not necessarily be expensive clothes. There is plenty of time further on in their lives for elaborate and costly toiletts.

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