

**IN UNCLE SAM'S LAND.**

King Coal was a merry soul—now look at him! His bow is and his fiddlers three—operators, and public—are still fiddling and accomplishing—Philadelphia Record.

**NEEDS AMENDING NOW.**

When Lord Tennyson visualized his "parliament of man" he could not have been aware of the fact that Lady Astor's political activities might necessitate the amendment of his immortal lines.—New York Sun.

**Our American Letter.**

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 20.—The reelection of Victor Berger, the socialist who was expelled from congress recently, has given the press and the politicians much food for thought. Berger openly opposed the war program of the United States and constantly preached sedition at a time when American soldiers were engaged in a conflict the result of which no person could at that time foresee. His return in spite of the fact that he has been expelled from the lower house of congress and is under sentence for sedition seems to have lost him no admirers in the fifth Wisconsin district. Of course it was German votes which again elected him, for the average German does not change his ideals with his nationality. Wisconsin is one of the strongholds of the so-called German-American. It was this state which returned Senator La Follette after the outcry made against him for his vote on the declaration of war and his antagonism to the president during the debate on the question of arming merchant vessels against the submarine. There was some difference however, in the two cases. La Follette took the stand he did previous to the war, while Berger preached against military activity while hostilities were on. However, but for the large German vote, La Follette would have gone down to defeat. The outcome of these elections tend to prove the oft repeated statement that had Germany succeeded in breaking the blockade, these same Germans would have risen in revolt against the government once a German force succeeded in landing on U. S. shores.

**LEWIS AND CLARKE.**

If those renowned explorers, Lewis and Clarke who blazed a pathway through these wildernesses so many years ago, could see the empire they helped to build they would be amazed beyond measure. For Oregon, Washington and Idaho to-day constitute a greater potential force than the German empire ever did. The riches of this region are beyond the power of computation, and centuries will follow centuries before the vast resources of these states are in any way depleted. The wealth that lies locked in those wondrous forests of giant trees and the huge possibilities of its mineral lands will some day make the northwest one of the richest portions of the globe. It is a hardy race of men which this favored section breeds. In the late war Oregon had the best health record according to army reports, her soldiers being freer from disease than those of any other state. In some parts of the state the old romantic conditions of the days of the prairie schooner still survive. At Pendleton there is an annual "round up" of cow boys and rangers, which attracts many thousands of eastern visitors, who are anxious to see the west as it was in the days of Custer and Sitting Bull. Huge ranches of

many thousand acres are found in that section and a whole army of "cattle punchers" is necessary to care for the countless herds. Prohibition has banished the border saloon and the gambling hall and there is no "bad man" to make a "tenderfoot" dance to the music of six-shooters in the gathering places of the cow boys to-day. The romance of the "wild and woolly west" no longer exists unless one is long on imagination.

**GROWTH OF CITIES.**

The growth of northwest cities is marvellous and indications are that in another generation the coast trade of the United States will be shifted to the Pacific where commerce is already growing by leaps and bounds. There is certain to be a great trade development in the Orient and in Siberia, when those troubled nations once more find themselves, and begin to erect stable governments. In this industrial revival the northwest ports must inevitably share, for the splendid shipping facilities of Astoria, Seattle and Vancouver are ready to handle all the commerce which may accrue from the development of Asiatic lands. Seattle is the queen of the cities of this region and is destined to become a second New York, judging from its present rapid development. The harbor is exceptionally fine and its waterfront facilities are controlled by the municipality so that no private interests can block the progress of the port. Huge terminals, warehouses and docks are owned by the city and there is in contemplation another great dry dock which will be more than 1200 feet long. The wisdom of the city authorities in thus providing for future commercial needs is an

example for other cities to follow. The city itself is magnificently laid out and at night the streets are as bright as the boulevards of Paris ever were. Not even the "great white way" of New York is more brilliant than some of the thoroughfares of this truly wonderful city.

**RAIN, RAIN, RAIN.**

The greater number of northwestern coast cities have rain instead of snow in the winter time and for three or four months there is a constant down-pour that is depressing to many who have lived in a dry climate. Astoria has a rainfall of 48 inches which is about the record for the coast, with the exception of Prince Rupert, B.C., where the rain seems to be constant. The summer is delightful, however, and more than repays for the wet winter. Throughout the entire winter the hills never lose their verdure and at Portland roses bloom in January. The annual rose festival held in that city is one of the greatest attractions which the coast affords. Like the Mardi Gras of New Orleans, there is a parade of thousands of flower bedecked motor cars and other vehicles while pretty girls scatter flowers along the roadway to the music of many bands.

**W. M. DOOLEY.**

Smart dark frocks of serge often have no waistline at all. The finest coatings are heavy pile bolivia and velour louse. French women insist on pockets and belts to their coats. Extreme dresses are very inappropriate for schoolgirls. Tassels of wool are favorite terminations of all long belts.



**THE COMMONPLACE.**

The smile upon a friendly face Holds nothing that is commonplace; It's fresh as sunlight and the dew And through the years is ever new. Though other joys grow cold and stale, The charms of friendship never fail.

Men weary of the world, they cry, And I can only wonder why, For every rising of the sun Brings splendid things to look upon, And every day we wake to view The least of us is born anew.

Who wearies of the friendly hand That's waved to him across the land? Who, when he opens wide his door, Does not rejoice to hear once more His neighbor's salutation gay At the commencement of the day?

Who is not glad that he can see Day after day the self-same tree? Who cannot turn his eyes on high And find new splendors in the sky, And who would stamp as commonplace The beauty of a loved one's face?

In all men are, in all they do, There is a thrill that's ever new. Despite the care and pain of strife There's no monotony to life. Though nothing new exists, we're told, The truth is there is nothing old.

**Synthetic Rubies.**

The large quantities of synthetic rubies brought home by soldiers as "souvenirs of Eden" make one speculate as to how long the real Oriental rubies will retain their present value.

Rubies chemically produced by the fusion of alumina are being manufactured in larger and larger numbers both in Paris and Switzerland. Within the past few weeks uncut 500-tie-shaped stones each weighing fully a hundred carats, have reached this country from Switzerland.

They would probably split up if attempts were made to "cut" them as single jewels. Each, however, could be fashioned into five or six scintillating gems, and these would be almost as attractive in appearance as the naturally-produced stones.

The best synthetic rubies, if without the deep fire of the "pigeon-blood" rubies of Burma, are beautiful things, and are indistinguishable, except by experts, from natural crystals. A tiara or pendant of well-cut and well-mounted Parisian or Swiss rubies on a beautiful head or neck would attract all eyes. And though its gems were produced by human agency and not by the forces of Nature, its owner could truthfully say that they were rubies.

**The Prince's Threat.**

Aprapros of the Prince's visit to Canada, there is a little hitherto unrecorded incident which throws some light on his overwhelming popularity in that country.

It happened at one of the first large railway stations at which the Prince alighted. Some impetuous Canadian girl, overcome with the good looks of our Prince Charming, ran up to him and saluted him firmly on the cheek.

Needless to say, the official photographer who happened to be near hand, did not waste so good an opportunity, and the Prince, soon recovered from this somewhat unusual encounter, shook his fist at the photographer with a smile, and said:

"If you don't smash that negative, I'll break your head!"

Of course, the phrasing as reported may not be perfectly accurate, but the incident throws some light on the marvellous success of our Prince in Canada.

**T. J. EDENS.**

**GOOD THINGS FOR XMAS.**

- Assorted Cordials and Syrups.
- Cherry Brandy.
- Creme-de-Menthe.
- London Sherry.
- Port Wine.
- Ginger Brandy.
- Raisin Wine.
- Assorted Syrups.

- Plum Pudding, in tins.
- Red Currant Jelly.
- Dates.
- Nuts, whole and shelled.
- Mixed Candy, 20 oz. bottles.
- Knox's Gelatine.
- Wesson's Oil for cooking.
- Broad Figs, Dates.

**MOIR'S CHOCOLATES and CAKES**

- 1/2 lb., 1 lb., 2 lb. and 5 lb. Bx.
- Bananas.
- Cal. Oranges and Lemons.
- Grape Fruit.
- Grapes.
- Apples.
- (O'Kanagan Valley.)
- 100 Boxes.
- Good all the way through.
- Green Cabbage—Local.
- Butter—Selected—2 lb. Prints.
- Eggs—Selected—20 Cases.
- (By Sable I. to-day.)

- ICINGS—White, Pink and Chocolate.
- Mapleine.
- Xmas Crackers and Stockings.
- Straw and Raspberry Jam—New—1 lb. Glass.
- 20 Brls. Cranberries.

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