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PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

Because Christmas Day in the year of grace 1927 will fall on a Sunday, and will be celebrated on December 25, the Postoffice Department started the "Shop Early, Mail Early" campaign six weeks earlier than usual.

Notices were sent to all the postoffices in which carriers are employed that these hard-worked employees will be required to work the day on Monday to their regular duties. This is considered necessary owing to the probability that there will be an enormous accumulation of packages and greeting cards between the closing hour of Saturday and the regular work of Tuesday, unless the appeal for early mailing of holiday packages is heeded.

Because most people desire that their gifts shall "be opened until Christmas," the disposition among the great body of senders is to defer until the latest moment the mailing of their gifts. Resultant delays are unavoidable.

"Early mailing is the solution of the problem," according to the statement of Assistant Postmaster General Bartlett. He advises all postmasters to "begin your campaign now and continue it until the last days before Christmas. Utilize every available medium of publicity, including newspapers, the radio, magazines and civic organizations, schools, ministrers."

In this campaign the department will have the hearty support of every business house in the country, and that section of the public which is wise will heed the appeal.

THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

The United States has been criticized as a country of lawless law. Our people may go wrong occasionally, there is no lack of information or misinformation on a question of public interest, but in the long run they think straight and act straight, and the best evidence of this fact is the rapid rate of growth and prosperity which our nation has enjoyed.

The right of individual initiative and freedom from unnecessary restraint is inherent in every American citizen. For some time there has been an effort made to prohibit the ownership of small arms although the amendment of the Constitution of the United States says: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Target practice and good marksmanship has been part of the life of the normal American boy. Legislation to prohibit this on the theory that it would result in a mistake for the country would not get far from sources outside the United States. As a matter of fact, most of the worst crimes are not committed with a gun. Hatchets, clubs, axes, knives and other instruments fail to impress.

In their honest desire to bring about law enforcement in this country, it is a question of whether the people will hastily adopt a measure which in the long run would simply make it easier for criminals to carry on their work.

THE MANNA TRADE

Business men are interested, no doubt, by the latest news that the manna of the Israelites in the wilderness was the exudation of a parasite of the fanarist, but many will be surprised, perhaps, to learn that it is still gathered and used in considerable quantities. In Upper Mesopotamia, Kandil, near the Persian border, manna is plentiful during September and October, and November, when the pods go out in the evenings and gather it by spreading sheets beneath the trees and shaking the branches. It is used as a substitute for sugar or honey, and is collected for a ready sale for all that do not want to eat the pods. It is the center of the manna trade, and the merchants there handle large quantities of the two chief varieties—white and green. The general belief among the natives is that the little white grains fall from heaven in the form of dew.

THINGS THAT COST LESS

The Monthly Labor Review published by the Federal Department of Labor is authority for the statement that electricity is the only element in the cost of living that has decreased since 1913. It is stated that the decrease at the end of June amounted to twelve per cent.

This is interesting, but much depends upon what is included in the cost of living. The Department of Labor properly takes into account only such fundamental things as food, clothing, rent, fuel, taxes, and parts of taxes for pecuniary benefit, but the United States count the price of the family car and the expense of its upkeep among living costs. Millions of families have come to the point where the radio apparatus is looked upon as a luxury rather than a luxury. This is the reason that the radio "now a day" buys much more than did a thousand dollars so expended in 1913. Prices of radio apparatus are similarly declining. The use of the automobile for purposes of business and pleasure has grown with the use of electricity for light power.

Electricity is similarly coming into more and more general use. In all three cases, reductions in cost are the logical result of continued efforts to better meet the demand, and an increase in the demand itself.

So much is heard in these days about the cost of living that it is a welcome relief to be told now and again of something that does not cost so much as it did. Among the necessities in the home, electricity furnishes a case in point. The motor car which long ago ceased to be classed among the luxuries furnished a parallel.

A third is the radio. There are others: The common saying that "every- thing costs more to-day than it used to cost" is not true. Higher costs are the rule, but it is a rule that has its exceptions.

THE WINTER BIRDS

The winter season and bitter weather are very hard on the birds, and they should be helped by providing them with food and, particularly when the ground is frozen or covered with snow, with water.

For biscuits meal, hemp, canary, millet, linseed, chees, oats, bits of fat and chopped-up meat, make a comprehensive menu for many species of birds, and breast, cracked dog biscuit, bacon, remains of porridge and baked potato skins are all acceptable.

Religious instruction in connection with the observance of Sabbath.

Friday, Dec. 10.—Christ Child and Minnie are back, but have not yet come to Barrington, however.

Beginning, Dec. 11.—"The Star of Bethlehem" was given to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Blodow of Elmhurst.

Dec. 12.—"Sports were" were given to Mr. and Mrs. John and Minnie.

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