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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of cooperation, the spirit of helpfulness. "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man" cannot mean anything else but friendliness, aiding one another, working together. The go-it-alone policy will not get you anywhere in this day of mass formation. There might have been a time that one could paddle his own canoe, but that day has passed. No matter how great the publication or the publisher, he needs and must have the good will of his brethren if he is to attain the success

Commenting along this line, the "Spirit of Progress," official publication of the chamber of commerce at Sioux

City, Iowa, says: 'The world is too big for any one person to get all there is in life by himself. Now and then we find a man who imagines that he can start a business and make it go without the help of anybody else. These men are getting scarce, for bitter experience has shown that it cannot be done. He will struggle along for, maybe, a few years, paying no attention to what his city and his neighbors are doing. He makes no effort to serve his community other than for profit; he takes no part in public activities, and does not seem to care whether the world moves or not. That man is doomed but for one thing-failure. He will wake up some day and find that the city has advanced so far that he is left entirely behind. That is the reward of no cooperation. His competitor across the street believes in cooperating with the other merchants of the city in an effort to make it a better town in which to live. His business will grow while the other fellow fails. That is the reward of cooperation. In the early days of civilization men saw that cooperation was necessary in order to protect themselves from the wild animals and ravages of nature. The same thing was true two thousand years ago. Cooperation is necessary in order to preserve your business. Times and conditions change, but the fundamental laws of Nature stay with us forever.



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Public Celebration Is Gaining in Small Cities and Towns.

Plan Affords More General Enjoyment and Observance of the Yuletide Season.

THE Christmas tree has long been regarded the symbol of Christ-mas. Many families, especially where there are children, would feel that Christmas was incomplete without a tree decorated with tinsel and candles tree decorated with tinsel and candles. However, writes A. H. Pulver in the American Agriculturist, a new idea in regard to such trees seems to be creeping in, and that is the community Christmas tree, which is set up outdoors or in a public building where all people, both rich and poor can admire and enjoy it, and it seems that this tree more truly reflects the unthis tree more truly reflects the unselfish spirit of Christmas.

The movement had its beginning ly New York city, but regardless of its origin it is spreading rapidly, especially to the small cities and towns, where it serves to bring all people together and to develop a community spirit. In one city the tree has become a fixed annual event, and each year a large Norway spruce sometimes year a large Norway spruce sometimes 50 feet high is brought to the public square where it is set up and decorated with colored electric bulbs, flags and other ornaments. For a few days preceding Christmas the bulbs are lighted, causing light to shine from a hundred or more places, and on the flay before Christmas a Santa Claus with a pack of toys and candy, drives with a pack of toys and candy, drives from home to home distributing joy to the children. On Christmas eve the children and parents gather around the tree and sing Christmas around the tree and sing Christmas carols, winding up with our national anthem. Other towns vary the program somewhat, some of them having the tree in a public building where a Christmas party is held and Santa Claus gives out toys and candy to the children.

It is possible for those who own woodlands or have woodlots containing the right variety of trees to increase their income by thinning out a number of trees each year for the Christmas market. The removal of christmas market. The temoval of such trees is generally beneficial to the woodlot, as it allows those trees remaining a better chance for development. In replanting forests this fact might be kept in mind and young trees thinned out as they grow up. It is customary to plant about 1,200 trees per acre, but when they mature there is only room for about 200 or which means that nearly two

A Graceful Lantern



No decoration will be more effective in dressing up the house at Christmas time than lanterns and candle shades of crepe paper and tinsel. A graceful lantern is illustrated here, made on a wire frame over which the paper covering is pasted and cut-out figures are pasted to the sides. The long tassel may be of tinsel or crepe paper. Fes-toons of flower petals, strung on cords, finish this pretty decoration.

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