

DAY AT THE ZOO

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powered him; it ran up his spine and whispered through his hair; it crawled into his nose and smelled awful. And then, suddenly, there was a shush, shush, shush through the pine needles outside (they had fallen off some of the flora), and a voice sang out into the night, and then another, and another, and then a whole mess more:

"God rest ye, weary Student here a-resting midst your worries;

For Christmas now is almost here with egg-nog and snow-flurries;

Although in this abnormal climate we'll likely just have rain; But rain or snow, this season is an anodyne for pain

Arising from your being dumb in your examinations;

So be of cheer and do not fear scholastic damnations."

Which was a Christmas carol. And even though it was a pretty awful Christmas carol written a long time ago by a tortfeasor who was attempting to distinguish the principle behind Federal exercise of the commerce power from a state's power to tax a cow in Chicago, the Student liked the spirit in which it was sung, and began to feel somewhat better.

Perhaps, he thought, it won't be so terrible after all; maybe the place where they mimeograph the finals will burn quietly in the night; or maybe the legislature will pass a law against education. But anyway, it will be Christmas pretty soon, and how many oranges and candy canes you find in your stocking has nothing to do with your GPA. And he went back to sleep, thinking just at the last, that Santa Claus was not, as far as anyone knew, a Phi Beta Kappa.

Choirs to Present Handel's 'Messiah'

The University Singers and the Springfield high school choir will sing selections from Handel's "Messiah" this Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. in the Springfield high auditorium.

The performance will be under the co-direction of Max Risinger, from the University, and David Ban Zandt, of Springfield high school.

A performance of "The Messiah," which was originally planned for Dec. 5 at McArthur court, was postponed until Easter Sunday.

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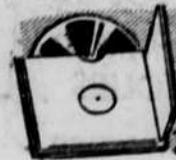
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