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PROBABLY ABOLISH COMMISSION

And Give President Roosevelt Full Power to Construct the Panama Canal.

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec. 23.—Congress is criticizing the Canal Commission, as cumbersome and extravagant, and is most likely to adopt legislation in a measure according to the president's recommendation, which will abolish the commission and give him (the president) power to build the canal.

RESULTS OF GALVESTON MISFORTUNE

New York, Dec. 23.—Henry Kuiper, of Galveston, Texas, who claims that he was worth \$50,000 before the Galveston flood, which he says wiped out his fortune, was deported today on the steamer Colorado. Kuiper says that he became a naturalized American citizen in 1886, and that he had a hardware business in Galveston. After losing his money, he returned to his home in Antwerp, Belgium, but failing to prosper there, and wishing to return to the United States, he hid on the steamer St. Andrews, which arrived here last week. He was caught, and, lacking proper identification papers, was deported as a stowaway.

MAY NOT LOSE

(Scripps News Association) Chicago, Dec. 23.—It is reported in financial circles that the stockholders in the Walsh bank will be fully reimbursed. It is said that Walsh has given assurance that if he is personally allowed to direct the properties now being held as securities that he would be able to protect against loss.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Before our readers receive another issue of the Observer, Christmas for 1905 will have been a thing of the past. We can all congratulate ourselves on the fact that at no period in our previous history has the financial condition been better and brighter and than now. In no county in the state will there be a greater proportion of happy homes as far as the material wants of this life are concerned, than in Union county. We wish you all a merry Christmas.

WILL SUSTAINED

(Scripps News Association) Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—The circuit court judges today unanimously sustained the will of the late Amanda Reed, who bequeathed one and a half million dollars to found an institution in this city. The will was contested by California heirs.

QUIET DAY FOR PRESIDENT

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt has planned to spend Christmas quietly with the family. Presents will be distributed in the morning and will either take a drive or a ride in the afternoon. In the evening the family will dine and Congressman Longworth, who is engaged to Miss Alice, will be the guest of honor.

COAL AND ASBESTOS

The Grant County News reports men working on a coal mine in that county that so far as developed gives encouragement of being a good body of coal. The same number states that a body of first class asbestos has been found in that county.

HEAVY SNOW IN NEW MEXICO

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—There are three feet of snow between Carrizo and Santa Rosa, N. M., on the prairies, and Rock Island train trains from the East are snowbound. The plows are at work.

THE SANTA CLAUS SPIRIT

BY J. D. GILLILAN

Not so many years ago the simple folk of the Teutonic and the Norseland were taught that Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas, or the same sprite under some other name, was the tutelary saint who ruled the day and the season when the Christian world celebrated holy mass in honor of the Christ child. This demigod assumed the form of a man, old and bearded, and with a jolly look, well filled sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, flew from house-top to house-top throughout Christendom, visiting only the good boys and girls, putting more or less into the gaping stockings suspended by the old fashioned fireplace.

It was a pretty legend, and so nearly true that no one reports serious injury having been done to his faith by believing it wholly. Unconsciously it was a prophecy and its annual fulfillment perpetuated from age to age, race to race, clime to clime, creed to creed, or no creed; the unseen everywhere present spirit of good feeling, benevolent intentions, kindly ministrations growing, spreading, deepening the spiritual idea, materializing into kind deeds. The world has been learning, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The same Santa Claus of the German forest, and village of the Norwegian fjord and hamlet is the heart now beating in the breasts of parents, benefactor, Christian, Jew or infidel—each vying with the other in unselfish acts toward any weaker member of the race. Jacob Riis, the New York philanthropist says Santa Claus is the spirit that inspires him to do good.

Long live that spirit! When each possess it, each will have a Merry Christmas every day.

RECEIVER APPOINTED

(Scripps News Association) Akron, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The Akron Gas Company with John R. Walsh as principle stock holder, went into the hands of a receiver this morning. The plant will continue in operation.

NO NEWS

There is absolutely nothing new in railroad circles this week. The O. R. & N. has the floor.—Union Republican.

RIOTING IN MOSCOW

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—A Moscow message says that all of the artillery batteries mutinied today. Barricades have been erected on Tverskaja street which the revolutionists are holding while they are making repeated attacks on the police, the Cossacks and Dragoons. The troops are using machine guns.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—In a number of factories, which are working here, the employees refuse to leave. The government has the situation well in hand. In Moscow conditions are practically the same as they were. Strong guards are patrolling the streets and the machine guns remain loaded and in commanding positions. Troops surrounded the school house this morning where a number of workmen were barricaded. The workmen returned the artillery fire but were forced to surrender. Small conflicts in the streets are numerous.

HALF ARMY MUTINED

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The papers are out with an extra edition which says that General Linavitch has telegraphed to St. Petersburg that half of his army, which is over one quarter of a million of men, has mutinied and that he is powerless to prevent excesses.

"ON TO ST. PETERSBURG"

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—It is reported that thousands of Lithuanians have invaded the province of Vitebsk and are engaged in sacking and burning the Russian-Polish estates.

The revolutionists expressed determination to seize St. Petersburg and the Warsaw railway and annex the Reitteso and Lutsin districts to the Lithuanian republic.

LODGE OF EAGLES AT NAMPA

Nampa, Dec. 21.—A localerie of Eagles was organized here last evening with about 60 charter members. The team work was done by members of the order from Pocatello. A large delegation was present from Boise, Mountainhome and Weiser.

FOR FRUIT EXHIBIT

C. M. and G. G. Stackland of Cove last week received a diploma from the jury of awards for a gold medal for fruits exhibited at the St. Louis exposition. Yesterday they received two diplomas from the Lewis and Clark fair, one for a gold medal for cherries, and one for honorable mention for fruits. These diplomas will be handsomely framed and will be brought over with an exhibit of fruit by Messrs Stackland and exhibited at the Northwestern Fruitgrowers Association which convenes in this city January 2d.

TREED THE WRONG MAN

(Scripps News Association) Ewing, Ga., Dec. 23.—Negroes last night tried to mob the manager of the turpentine still at this place. The manager barricaded himself and killed five negroes and wounded two negroes.

POLICY APPROVED

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec. 23.—The President has written to the Secretary Wilson his approval of the regulations and charging fees for grazing on the forest reserves.

TWO SURVEYS AT ENTERPRISE

Enterprise, Or., Dec. 23.—Two surveys have been made through Enterprise the last few days, one on the south side of the Willowa river; the other one on the north side of the river. The survey extends to Joseph.

TO BE TRIED ANY WAY

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec. 23.—It is announced from the office of the Interior Department, that the reputed disappearance of S. A. D. Pater and Horace McKinley, the notorious land frauders, will not cause any postponement in the case of Congressman Binger Hermann. As it was expected the government would use these men as their principal witnesses, many thought the case would have to be postponed in case they were not found.

SICK MAN'S SENSATIONAL FABRICATION

(Scripps News Association) Bakersfield, Calif., Dec. 23.—It is now thought that Charles Ehle, who is at the hospital suffering from wounds which are thought to be self inflicted, is not W. J. Davidson, the missing Kentucky official as was supposed, but is probably a faker. He tells a sensational story to the effect that while in a toilet in the Capital hotel at Frankfort, Kentucky, he overheard a conversation which he says contained statements which would clear Caleb Powers of the charge of murdering Governor Goebel.

G. A. R. ELECTION

Oliver P. Morton Post of La Grande elected the following officers for the year 1906, this afternoon. J. W. Oliver, Commander; J. C. Walker, Sen. Vice; Wm Thompson Jr, Vice; G. W. Allen, Quartermaster; Wm Burnett, Chaplain; I. W. Faulk, Officer of the Day; J. W. Davis, officer of the Guard; Edward Carpenter, Surgeon; Col. Geo. B. Currey and Frank Kilpatrick were elected as delegates to the state encampment next summer.

TONIGHT

There will be Christmas trees and exercises at the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Christian churches tonight under the auspices of the respective Sunday schools. The friends of the churches are cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS WISDOM

Lies in buying early and in buying
 Buy soon and secure advantage of uncommon assortment.
 Early buyers get choicest picking.
 Buy before some one else gets just the article you would have most preferred. Our Holiday Goods are here and there's goods among them that will please you. You will get them at right prices, too. It's right prices that's going to make them go quickly.

TOILET CASES, FANCY HAIR, CLOTH and TOOTH BRUSHES, BOOKS, STATIONARY ITEMS, POCKET BOOKS, PURSES, BILL BOOKS, SLAVING SETS, CIGARS, CONFECTIONERY, BIBLES, ALBUMS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, etc

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Friday and Saturday

The Fair
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