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WORLD GLIMPSE.

This snowy Christmas Eve finds the world rejoicing over a new republic in its stuffed stockings. Santa Claus who never forgets the rights of anyone in the last minute has taken a wide-eyed baby nation to China and deposited it at Nanking. Dr. Sun Yat Sen who has been an exile from his native land for fifteen years has been elected the president. If this Sun sits on Yuan Shih Kai, that gentleman may well think his sun has set, and be compelled to sigh, "Farewell, a long farewell, to all my greatness."

The reason alleged in the message of the president when taking notice of the treaty relations with Russia, was that the one now in force was made in 1832 and was timed so as to end in 1912. It is archaic, out of date and not useful as it might be in many respects. He expresses hope that a new one virile and modern be at once negotiated.

Russia is doing a rushing business these days trying to play the innocent bluffer. She's going to get huffy, she says, and will boycott the American nation. Bluffing is nine-tenths wind and the other tenth gas. Wiser heads in diplomatic circles will discover that Mr. President Taft who stands for world-wide peace, is not going to make a semblance of disturbance merely for the fun of the thing. The House of Uncle Sam is not bartering principle for friendship this Yule-tide. The Tsar understands that.

Germany, too, is calling our people names, but that is only because Tsar Nick said our fellows hit him in the neck with a winter apple. So, Germany says our congress is a bunch of bull-whackers and cow-punchers. Very well. They ought to know, for many of the people we call our very best are Germans and some of them are in congress. It's all true, we suppose, but then they suit us pretty well.

Our Governor, may he live a thousand years, has just been out playing tag with the other western governors, but has returned to look into his criminal corral. He finds he must assume the shepherd's crook and go after some of the crooks he trusted. It looks as if the thing the next legislature ought to do is to take the pardoning power out of the hands of the chief executive and place it in the hands of a board of pardons. The idea

of one man knowing more than legislation, prosecutors, juries and judges is just a little too great a reflection from the monarchial days when kings ruled absolutely.

Someone has said the tobacco seed is the smallest of all the seeds. He is mistaken. Socialism seed is smaller. There has been one regrettable and lamentable performance in our city this week which commands the attention of all people who sing, "My Country, 'tis of thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, Of thee I sing."

It is a series of lectures ostensibly and declaredly in the interests of public education. They are beginning to be held in the auditorium of the high school building. Anyone who berates the fathers of our nation, speaking lightly of Jefferson and Washington, is defiantly and steadily attempting to place the dynamite of doubt, discredit and unbelief in the minds of the hearers concerning the classic, invulnerable, all-embracing wall of American liberties, the CONSTITUTION of the United States.

All the high school pupils were and are provided with free tickets for the entire course. The originators of this plan to place dynamite under the "charter of our liberties" know the best spot is the mind of the adolescent. Compared with this act, the dynamiting of the Times building in Los Angeles is but a bagatelle.

The B. P. O. E., incidentally called the "Best People on Earth", are at their usual holiday trick: out of the abundance of their generosity they have made provision for the unfortunate youngsters whose names are not recorded on Santa Claus's big book up in Fairytown, Toyland; but he sent a special delivery note to every Elk lodge telling them what to do if they ever expect any good things themselves hereafter. The Observer says: "Blessings on him who assists in making anybody happy!"

What cheer? Good cheer. Everybody cheer!

"THE ANNUAL FAKE"—SANTA CLAUS.

Think of it, Christmas revelers, someone called our own glorious Christmas Santa Claus "the annual fake!" Shame on him! Don't you think so? What would the world be without Santa Claus? What was it before he came? Now, Mr. Fake-maker, sit up and think, if you know how to do such strenuous work as to think, Santa Claus is, mightily is. He is more than "a funny old man."

With a little round belly Which shakes when he laughs Like a bowl full of jelly: he is a corporate fact. We have all seen him hundreds of times in various guises and disguises. The real Santa is the spirit of good will that enters the heart of everyone who will leave the soul's door unlatched. This, Mr. Fake-maker is the only unbeliever at Christmas Eve. For a while, at least, there are no skeptics, infidels, or doubters; all are worshippers of the Santa Claus spirit.

That good spirit built all the hospitals; established all the asylums for the orphans; erected the homes for the aged; provided the schools for the deaf, dumb and blind; created and maintained the means for the protection of the poor whether young or old, and extends as the years increase, so that in all lands there is more and more of the Christmas feeling extant.

The real Santa Claus hides himself so that the ones he has helped may well think he came down the chimney and then flitted away to the next house, will his "eight tiny reindeer." He tries not to let his left hand know what his right hand has done.

Old Santa is around La Grande tonight large as life. Everyone possessed of the spirit of the old Saint is a Santa Claus especially he who loves to do good to them who cannot return the gift.

Warmed toes, well dressed limbs, comfortable ears, full stomachs, sparkling eyes, happy faces, joy-filled hearts and general good cheer and sweetened lives are the product of Santa Claus doing annually. And that is what that Santa Claus killer called "an annual fake!"

Whatever of the spirit was in the world in the long, long ago, it was mightily increased when the Child was born on Christmas Eve in the manger at Bethlehem. It is the spirit of that Christ Child which breathes "On earth

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POISONED BEER FATAL.

Whole Family Poisoned by Hired Man, Is Thought.

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 23.—Five are poisoned and two are dead after drinking beer from a pitcher. It has resulted today in a search for Philip Burris, formerly employed on the farm of Thomas Royster, where they died. He was a former admirer of Blanche Royster the eldest daughter of Thomas and the only one who wasn't poisoned. The dead are Henry Royster, aged 18, Retta Davis, the cook; Thomas Syck and also another daughter and a servant.

HONG TUCK'S QUEUE GONE.

Premier Chinaman in This City Discards Relic of Turbulent China.

After wearing a queue during his entire residence in La Grande which runs into many years, Hong Tuck, the leader of local Chinamen and proprietor of various business establishments in Chinatown and owner of a restaurant on Depot street, today resembles himself no longer for his queue is gone. He cut it off this morning and joins the ranks of a great many Chinamen of this city who have discarded the hair. American tailor made suits is the next venture of local Chinamen.

Morse Near Death.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Death will claim Charles Morse, the New York banker, unless he is liberated from the federal prison soon, according to a report of the military surgeons after a conference at Fort McPherson where Morse is now undergoing treatment. The Washington authorities have been notified.

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