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GOD'S GIFT TO EVERY HOME

One anniversary and only one belongs to all the world. Holidays there are which engage the nation in the celebration of their heroes, their victories, and their emancipations. These are of human origin and strictly limited in their bounds. But one event in history transcended them. Only once in the year the whole earth echoes with "tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

Ever since the Virgin Mother knocked at the doors of Bethlehem and laid her Babe in the manger bed, Christmas has been God's gift to every home, the possession equally of all mankind. The Day comes this year to a confused world which will receive with fresh realization of its meaning the greeting of a Merry Christmas and the promise of a Glad New Year. The yearning of happiness and peace, baffled in its quest, finds satisfaction now in God alone. The human soul once touched by His Spirit looks beyond the unreal pleasures that leave only empty hands and hungry hearts.

Christmas will bring within the reach of men and women everywhere blessings which no change of time nor circumstance can take away. It kindles flames of faith and aspiration. It lifts the eyes of men to the vision of a living Christ, new-born as at this time. It lifts the mind to the knowledge of God's love. It lifts the heart to find communion with Him who sought entrance into human life at Bethlehem.

(The above is the Christmas statement of the Rt. Rev. James DeWolf Perry, Bishop of Rhode Island, and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States).

ARE CHILDREN HAPPY?

The story about the thirteen-year-old Indiana boy who killed himself some time ago because he failed to "make" a neighborhood football team is one of the most pathetic bits of news that the papers have printed in a long time.

And it emphasizes a fact that we too often overlook: that a child, on certain occasions, can be the unhappiest mortal alive. What seem to us but minor disappointments may affect a child's mind more seriously than we realize. Most adults go bumping along from one disappointment to another and acquire a sort of case-hardened philosophy by which we discount the value of the prizes we fail to win. But the child has not yet developed such a philosophy.

The child must grin and bear it, no matter how dark the disappointment; and the grin does not always come easily. Even an adult occasionally gets the notion that the world is conspiring against him. How much more forcibly does such a conception oppress the mind of a child!

Of course, it is but rarely that childhood disappointments result in such tragedies as that in Indiana, but if we are wise we will learn something from this pitiful story, learn that a youngster's unhappiness can be infinitely more real and deep than we ever experience.

At Christmas time, when our thoughts turn to making children happy, we will do well to remember that our greatest wisdom, our deepest sympathy, and our clearest understanding are imperatively required, every day in the year, if there has been given to us the tremendous responsibility of bringing up a child. Our sympathetic companionship will do more than a housefull of toys to make our children truly happy.

CHRISTMAS HEART
Beside my couch an angel stood
Like a slender birch in a gloomy wood.
And, while I harkened, he softly said,
As he sagely nodded his haloed head,
"Lad, you may choose from the gifts I bear
What you would be having, but choose with care,
For what you are taking is yours to keep,
Till your years are done and you know death's sleep."

Amid the shadows that veiled my bed
I saw all the things of my dreams
Outspread:
A host of jewels and gleaming gold,
A Midas treasure for my hands to hold,
And, as I studied this luring wealth,
I saw gray wisdom, long years and health,
But, turning from these with a sudden start,
I chose me the gift of the Christmas heart.

The angel queried, "Lad, do you know
That you have chosen to share the woe
Of all who suffer, that you will give
Yourself for others while you live?"
And, as I watched him with starry eyes,
He smiled and murmured, "You have been wise,
For in your choosing to give and bless,
Lo, you have chosen true happiness!"
—Edgar Daniel Kramer.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

College Girl Here—
Julia Smith has as her house guest Miss Helen Clockin, freshman at Washington State college, who will be here until Jan. 3.

Driving to Boise—
Mr. and Mrs. Loren Carver and their daughter, Donna Lee, will leave by car tonight for Boise to spend the holidays. They will return Sunday.

Home from Gooding—
Louisa Leighton, senior at Gooding college, Gooding, Idaho, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leighton at 1807 Cedar street.

Leave for Colfax—
Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Skeen have gone to Colfax to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Spending Day at Baker—
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hiatt and their daughter, Barbara, and son, Dick, will spend Christmas day in Baker with relatives.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST
SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO
THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE
LETTERS PRINTED.

To the Editor:
The Oregon game laws should be changed. Why?

I and two other hunters were hunting in Union county this year for 10 or 11 days. In this time there were found in the woods one small buck without horns, and six or seven does killed and left in the woods. We estimated that we saw at least 30 does and two bucks. The only fawn we saw was one killed and left in the woods.

Under those conditions it will only be a short time until there will not be any deer.

It would be much better to have the law changed to one deer to each hunter, regardless of the animal's sex. This would stop the unnecessary slaughter and leave a few bucks alive.
P. T. REMINGTON.

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Visiting at Home—
Grant Stringham, who is a freshman at the University of Utah, is spending the holidays at his home here.

Coming from Nampa—
Arrivals in the city tonight will include Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Pepper and their daughter Phyllis Ann, who will visit Mrs. Pepper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Allen. They are from Nampa, Idaho.

VOLCANO BURSTS INTO ERUPTION

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able from half the island of Hawaii. Sulphur fumes kept hundreds of would-be spectators away from the rim of the crater, the usual vantage point for the thousands of tourists who visit the volcano annually. The rim was pronounced dangerous by rangers for Hawaii National park, in which the volcano is located. The trail across the lava desert stretching the three miles from the volcano house to Halemaumau was safe and hundreds of people made a pilgrimage to a point as close to the crater as possible.

Kilauea In Eruption
Aroused from its year-long slumber by a violent earthquake, Kilauea, world's largest active volcano, began erupting yesterday. The tremor which shook the island of Hawaii yesterday was described by old residents as the most severe in many years. The eruption, with at least four flaming fountains playing to a height of 150 feet, was said to be the most violent since 1924.

Braving possible asphyxiation, J. N. Grandy, manager of Volcano house, struggled through the violent surface wind to gaze into the pit of fire, more than a thousand feet deep. He held a wet handkerchief over his nostrils and mouth so that he could approach the normally easily accessible Halemaumau. One woman who attempted to follow him was forced to return by the terrific wind.

The great fire pit is an erratic performer, periodically bursting forth with a display such as the present one, when its surface becomes a fiery lake of molten rock with hissing flowery fountains, crowned by a huge pall of smoke, brilliantly reflecting the fire. Halemaumau, in its more quiescent moments it emits clouds of plummy steam or great columns of smoke. About once a year it becomes pronouncedly active.

Halemaumau crater when last measured was 350 feet long, 3000 feet wide, and 1050 feet deep. Its last previous eruption started Nov. 19, 1930, and continued until Dec. 7 of that year.

JAMES MOSS IS CALLED BEYOND

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the fall of 1864. As a young man he had many thrilling experiences as a cowboy on the cattle trails, and as a freighter from Umatilla Landing to the mines in the Boise valley.

On Mar. 1, 1865, he was married to Mrs. Jane Wallinger and from then on until a few years ago when he moved to La Grande, he followed farming in the valley.

Mr. Moss leaves, besides his widow, three children and three grandchildren: Mrs. W. E. Adler, of La Grande; Mrs. Ray Fuller and Irwin Moss, of near Alice; Genevieve Adler, Eltha Jane Moss and Dickie Fuller; also twin brothers, Willis Moss, of near Island City, and Wilford Moss, of La Grande; besides numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Mr. Moss was a member of the Alice Community church and of the I. O. O. F. lodge of La Grande.

May the Day Be Merry

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LEADERS HIT BACK TODAY AT CRITICISM

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tion position in asking congress for more revenue in face of a deficit now at \$1,358,567,109. A year ago today income tax receipts had swung a deficit to a \$66,235,500 surplus, but the fiscal year end on July 1st saw a deficit of \$903,000,000. Prospects are for this figure to be more than doubled this fiscal year.

Shrinkage in individual and corporate income has brought about the need for additional revenue, and the shrinkage in the amount of income available for tax cannot be made good by increasing the rates of tax. At present, it was pointed out, normal and surtax rates on incomes of \$48,000 are 17 per cent, while under the proposed rate the maximum would be 22 per cent.

Under present law, the maximum rate on incomes of \$100,000 is 24 per cent, while under the proposed law it will be 42 per cent. Income in excess of \$100,000 now is taxed at a maximum rate of 25 per cent, while under the proposed increases the maximum would be from 43 to 46 per cent.

Under the proposals a married man with a dependent with an income of \$5000 would be asked to pay \$31.50 and one with an income of \$10,000 would pay \$153.

HENRY MCCONNELL DIES

PORTLAND, Dec. 24 (P)—Funeral services were held here today for Henry E. McConnell, 52, who for many years practiced law in Baker and in Portland. He died at his home here Wednesday. He had lived in Oregon since he was 10 years old.



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U. S., BRITAIN AND FRANCE "WARN" JAPAN

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Baron Shidehara, former foreign minister, just before the fall of the Wakatsuki cabinet.

The Japanese reply to the French and British notes, the Rengo agency report said, will stress the claim that there is little difference between "regular" and "irregular" bandits in the Chinchow region.

The Japanese government is understood to consider the present military operations entirely with the realm of the anti-bandit drive held here to have been recognized by the League of Nations resolution of December 10.

Formal Reply Saturday
A formal reply will probably be sent to Washington, Paris, and London Saturday and in it Premier Inukai will emphasize Japan's military operations are not necessarily aimed at Chinchow itself but have as their primary object clearing the area of disturbing elements.

This point probably will also be stressed in Japan's reply to the three powers, Tokyo also pointing out that since the Chinese officials fled in disorder after the Mukden incident all administrative machinery has broken down and it has devolved upon the Japanese army to restore law and order.

NEW REPRESENTATIONS TO JAPAN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (P)—New representations to Japan to prevent renewed hostilities in Manchuria

will be made by the American ambassador in Tokyo.

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