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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Christmas is the one day in the year when Christianized humanity is supposed to practice the precepts taught by Christ, and when the Christmas spirit, "good will to man," reigns over the civilized portion of the earth.

The giving of gifts symbolizes the forgetfulness of self and the thoughtfulness for others that for such a brief period succeeds the reign of selfishness and vanity in the human heart. That many have turned the pretty custom of giving presents in to selfish channels whereby only the value of the gift instead of the thought that prompted it in the giver is considered, does not detract from the real purpose of the custom.

Doing unto others as you would be done by is the Christmas spirit—the true Christian spirit—and neither the massive cathedral nor lavishness of wealth symbolize the worship of God as does man's thoughtfulness for his fellow man. So, for this brief period, we who pretend to follow in the footsteps of the lowly Nazarene permit his commands to supplant our native greed—one day out of the 365 in the year.

If we knew that the last stroke should pound for us tonight and we had a few minutes to prepare for eternity—would those minutes be spent in carrying out the purposes that animate our daily life—in piling up wealth, in gratifying greed and in the thousand small vanities that animate our illiputian existence upon this beautiful sphere God has given us as our home—or would these fast fleeting final moments be spent in doing what we could for others? Would not the glimpses of friends show faces dead to the heart and the world we were about to leave forever assume a beauty hitherto unseen, and the everyday vanity fair spirit give way to the evergreen Christmas spirit?

And when we shall have slipped over the threshold of the present into eternal day, will those few days when the Christmas spirit actuated our measly and despicable little hearts, count enough to offset the long days and nights rolling into years, of petty selfishness—of striving and planning for self instead of for others?

Every day may be our last day—why, then, not strive to live as we would live if it were—and let the Christmas spirit live in our hearts, not one day a year, but three hundred and sixty-five days, and the joy of the brief Christmas tide will then be a life-long joy—for we will have solved the riddle of existence—the mystery of the millennium, the source of all happiness, and life will indeed be worth the while.

AN IDEAL CANDIDATE.

In Judge W. H. Canon an excellent selection has been made for a candidate for mayor. Probably no one in Medford is more capable of satisfactorily filling the office. Judge Canon combines great executive ability with long experience as a public official. He is familiar as few others with the duties and requirements of public office, and there is no doubt of his ability.

Judge Canon is a comparatively new comer in Medford, having lived here but a few years, but his record in his former home, Merrill, Wis., a city of 10,000 population, is an excellent one. Since his arrival here he has been elected justice of the peace and appointed United States commissioner. He is an attorney by profession, but was forced by ill health to abandon practice.

In his former home Judge Canon has the reputation of doing thoroughly whatever he undertakes and for this reason he was prominent in public life for a quarter of a century. In 1878 he began his public career, serving two terms as district attorney of Lincoln county. In 1883 he was elected councilman; in 1885 he was appointed postmaster of Merrill, and in 1888 he was elected county judge. He resigned this position in 1890 to become state land commissioner of Wisconsin. In 1896 he was appointed United States marshal for the western district of Wisconsin. Upon the expiration of his term he was again elected councilman and made a member of the board of public works, which offices he filled until his departure for Medford in 1905. In addition to the enumerated offices, he was also city clerk and justice of the peace.

With Judge Canon it is a case of the office seeking the man, and Medford will be fortunate if it secures his services as chief executive.

THE SWEETEST STORY EVER TOLD.

It came upon the midnight clear,
 Down to the shepherd's fold,
 Sung by Heaven's Archangel Choir,
 The sweetest ever told.

"Fear not," they sang, "we bring good news
 To you and all mankind.
 Peace on earth, good will to men,"
 Came down from the wings of the wind.

In David's town of Bethlehem
 "The Prince of Peace is born."
 Hosanna to God in the Highest,
 For this splendid Christmas morn.

"Ring out, joy-bells, 'tis the Prince of Peace
 That shall lead all men to his fold,"
 Was the song they sang, the Angelic Choir,
 The sweetest ever told.

—W. M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

(Continued from page 1.)

Boston Prosperous.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 24.—Tonight will mark the end of the most successful four-day business period in Boston's history. Citizens of the Hub have been spending Christmas money more freely than ever, resulting in a season of unexampled prosperity for the merchants.

Chicago Is Gay.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Christmas spirit is fairly sizzling in the Windy City today, and at the close of business tonight the stores and shops will have more money in their tills than they have known for many a day. More than 60,000 Christmas trees have been sold and will be loaded with a greater burden of gifts than have been purchased by Chicagoans in recent years. The Salvation Army will feed hundreds of poor people. Banks, corporations and brokerage houses today made an exceptionally lavish distribution of money among their employes.

Christmas in Rome.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius will spend a quiet Christmas. The usual religious ceremonies will be held, after which his holiness will receive the felicitations of the cardinals and other dignitaries of the church. Hundreds of handsome and costly gifts from all over the world were received at the vatican today but the pope found greater pleasure in the inexpensive presents of the poor.

At the Quirinal palace the king and queen are preparing for the celebration of the annual holiday. A Christmas tree party will be held tonight for the children of everyone connected with the court and the royal household. The ladies and gentlemen of the court today received handsome presents from the king and queen.

Kaiser, Broke, Is Liberal.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—With his annual income of \$10,000,000 so exhausted by extravagance that he is on the verge of bankruptcy, Emperor William did not allow his poverty to interfere with his annual Christmas distribution. Mounted on a big horse, the kaiser today dashed through the grand park at Sans Souci, distributing freshly minted ten and twenty mark pieces among all the poor people he met.

Although his magnificent scale of living has led the emperor to dispose of lands, castles and the Dusseldorf royal palace, and even caused the crown princess to sell some of her most valuable diamonds, the German imperial family will celebrate Christmas with all the fervor of former years.

Thousands upon thousands of dollars have been spent by the kaiser in preparing for Christmas, and all the royal families of Europe will receive costly presents with his compliments. The distribution to members of his own family will take place in the evening, when the emperor and empress and their children will gather about the 14 trees in Potsdam palace. All of the servants will be remembered, as will the soldiers of William's palace guard.

Gay Paris Celebrates.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—With all the characteristic gaiety which accompanies a Parisian holiday, Christmas eve will be celebrated tonight. Great throngs are already gathering in the streets and boulevards, which are lined with booths. All stores were crowded today and the merchants of Paris enjoyed the greatest trade they have known in years. Special performances are scheduled for tonight at all the prominent theaters and opera houses, and the restaurants and cafes will remain open all night.

At the Madeleine and other churches midnight masses will be celebrated. President Fallieres today gave out gifts to all the functionaries at the presidential mansion.

An unusual number of Americans are here for the holidays, and steamship agents say the Christmas travel from both North and South America has been the heaviest in history. Among the distinguished Americans here is General Nelson A. Miles, who with Col. gate Hoyt will leave shortly for a motor trip through northern Africa. They will proceed first to Algiers and will motor as far into the desert as possible.

Elbert Hubbard is scheduled to make an address in Medford in the near future. His son was for a number of months a Medford resident.

The company to raise mushrooms is the latest Medford venture, Wes Green, Thomas Bartholomew and D. C. Lockhart are the parties interested.

WEST vs SCHOLTES WRESTLING CONTEST

At The Medford Opera House Xmas
 Afternoon at 3:30

Style, Catch as Catch can, 3 Out
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Tickets on Sale at Haskins Drug Store

Circuit Court News.

A. J. McDonell et al. vs. T. B. Goodell et al.; judgment in favor of defendant.

State of Oregon vs. C. E. Roach; verdict of guilty as charged and December 23 set as day to fix sentence.

Emily Jane Moore vs. Isaac Moore; suit for divorce; decree granted.

State of Oregon vs. C. Zeigler; plead not guilty and case set for next term of court.

Tonight at 7:45 at the Christian tabernacle an entertainment will be given, consisting of songs, recitations, music, etc., by the young people. A Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, and a chimney with old Santa Claus descending, will be one of the pleasing features of the evening.

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