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A Merry Christmas to All

The Tree of Love

I
Am
The
Tree
Of Love
I am the light
That Christmas-tide
Brings. I am ever green
My limbs are yearning to
Bear the burden of gifts of
Noel. I live in the high, open
Spaces where God smiles bright-
est on the world, where his light
Keeps the memory of Christ's birth
Refreshed. Years ago men fought and
Knew no time to think of the Gentle
One who spoke of Love. And then one
Night a star beamed in the east and filled
Me with a sweet grace. My soul quivered,
And I was born again. And now I come
With the Christmas time to remind you of
Love—Love, that fades, but lives again. I am
But a dream unless you know me. I wish
To ache under the burden of love gifts.
Yes, I am ever green; I live forever, but
You do not know me always. I ask
You to remember the little ones
Whom Love has passed when some
Forget me. I pray the light that
Never dies shall flame out again
In your heart. For this I live.
For this I ask. I wish
To live and serve.
I am
Love
Hope
Life
I am the Tree of Love.

COLD-BLOODED WITH GIFTS

Program for Those Persons Who
Think Santa Claus Deception
Should Come to End.

We have tried to work out a little Christmas program for those who object to Santa Claus. We respect the opinions of all who think the deception should be stopped and feel that we ought to help them to arrange a disillusioned and thoroughly harm- less Christmas—what you might call a germless and renovated and dis- infected and veracious joy season— which the children will take hold of with enthusiasm without in after days wishing to upbraid their parents and hiss at them. "You lied to us!"

We suggest, therefore, that the chil- dren be called together on Christmas morning by the governor and address- ed as follows:

"Kids: We shall now enjoy our gift giving. I tore off a few seals from my roll the other day and handed them to your mother, and she dived headlong into the bargain counter, fished for two whole days appeared not again, and when she did crawl out, battered, jammed, ragged, torn, bruised and old, she clutched to her bosom these few gimcracks, fol-de-rols and highly un- serviceable articles. We have placed them upon these chairs so as to divest the business of any stage effects that might heighten the pleasure in any way or give a false impression. You are to understand that I had to give up for these things, and I wish to for- get about it before I feel real good in- side again, and with these few re- marks we will now fall to, and you want to be quick about it, for I want to read my paper in peace."—Judge.

CITY AND COUNTRY

A program of Christmas music will be presented at the Metho- dist church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Nellie Barrett and son Lemuel went to Eugene today to visit Mrs. B's sister, Mrs. Josie Atkins.

Mrs. Nancy Whiteaker has re- turned to Portland to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Honeyman.

The Butler clan will have their annual Christmas tree at Mon- mouth. This will make the forti- eth celebration for the large number of relatives.

Alvord Loy of Beuna Vista, a student of O. A. C. was taken violently ill Wednesday night. Thursday he was taken to a Port- land hospital for treatment.

The Hi schoolers will only have one week's vacation. They no doubt will long to be back in the grades as the grade school was dismissed for a couple of weeks.

At the Baptist church Wednes- day night there was a Christmas tree followed with an enjoyable program. The principal feature of the program was "The Visit of the Shepherds and Wise Men."

The Civic Club asks those prun- ing their rose bushes, especially the Caroline Festant, to save the slips. Put them in the ground some place where they will be protected and give to the club later on as a large quantity is de- sired for decorative purposes.

Anticipating a promising year and always striving to making it more comfortable for its patrons, the Isis will remodel the front of the theater building. Also a run of great pictures has been secur- ed. Watch for announcements.

The body of Jason A. Arrell, who died of wounds in France, will arrive in Independence in about a week or ten days. No plans for the funeral and burial have yet been made as Mrs. F. R. Arrell is in Coos county and will not get home until tomorrow.

Tell The Post About It!

The Heart of Christmas

"I fear we are going to have a very poor Christmas at our house," said Jane to Florence as they were walk- ing home from school.

"You know father's been out of work on account of the strike, and mother's long illness will make it next to im- possible to buy gifts for the children. And we may not even have a Christ- mas tree!" And at the thought of a Christmas without a tree, her voice which had been tremulous, broke into a half stifled sob.

Florence looked very thoughtful, then said in comforting tones, "But your father's at work again isn't he?"

"Yes."

"And your mother's health is much better."

"Yes, we expect her downstairs for Christmas day."

"Well, then I think, Jane, that you should have great cause for rejoicing at your house—Christmas tree, or no Christmas tree."

"I had not thought of that Florence, but you are right."

"Sometimes, I think we lose the real spirit of Christmas," continued Jane, "by thinking that Christmas comes from what we get or give instead of realizing that it is right in our hearts."

By this time the friends had come to the parting of the way, and with a friendly nod and "Goodbye," went to their homes to vision anew the possi- bilities of Christmas.

OPPOSED TO CHRISTMAS PIE

The Puritans were not alone in their opposition to mince or Christmas pie. The Quakers also fought against it, and at length even many good peo- ple of the Church of England began to think that clergymen should abstain from it, against which prejudice Bick- erstaffe thus remonstrates: "The Christmas pie is, in its own nature, a kind of consecrated cake or badge of distinction, and yet it is often for- bidden the druid of the family. Strange that a sirloin of beef, whether boiled or roasted, when entire is ex- posed to the utmost depredations and invasions, but if minced into small pieces and tossed up with plums and sugar it changes the property, and for- sooth is meat for his master."

SANTA CLAUS

Beyond the ocean many a mile,
And many a year ago,
There lived a wonderful queer old man
In a wonderful house of snow;
And every little boy and girl,
As Christmas times arrive,
No doubt will be very glad to hear
The old man is still alive.

In his house upon the top of a hill,
And almost out of sight,
He keeps a great many elves at work,
All working with all their might
To make a million of pretty things,
Cakes, sugar-plums and toys,
To fill the stockings, hung up, you know,
By the little girls and boys.
—Sunshine Bulletin.

A SAFE AND SANE CHRISTMAS

Societies are being organized whose members are pledged against giving Christmas gifts outside their imme- diate families. Christmas giving has been overdone, and if the intemper- ance can be checked in that way, well and good. But let us hope the "re- formers" will not try by legal enact- ment to impose their views upon oth- ers. There are many things in this life to be remedied, and most of them should be remedied without resort to legislation.—Tacoma (Wash.) Ledger.

WHY JIMMY PRAYED SO LOUD

Dick and Jimmy were visiting their grandmother. One night when they were saying their prayers Jimmy voiced his petitions for Christmas presents in a tone that could be heard a mile.

"Why do you pray for your Christ- mas presents so loud?" interrupted Dick. "The Lord ain't deaf."

"No," whispered Jimmy, "but grandma is."



A BRAVE SOLDIER
Jack-in-the-Box: Ha, ha, you're a brave soldier, to be scared of me.

A THRIFTY SAINT
"Don't you think holidays tempt us to extravagance?"
"Not at all. If you will study the pictures of Santa Claus, you will ob- serve he has on the same old cloth- ing he has worn for years."

WILL HE COME IN?



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Max Goldman

FIRST CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

It is said that Christmas was first observed in the year 98 and that it was not until the year 137 that it was made a solemn feast. Pope Telesphorus de- creed that it should be celebrated by all Christians in that year. On one early Christmas day the Roman Em- peror Diocletian, hearing that the Christians assembled in their church were engaged in celebrating the birth

of Christ, commanded that the doors of the church be closed and the build- ing set on fire. This was done and six hundred persons lost their lives in the burning church.

For Sale.—Sharpless tubular suction feed cream separator Practically new. Can be seen at Sloper Bros. & Cockle's.

We extend to you our wishes for a Merry Christmas

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