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Spanish Music at Christmas. World music in the home is a part of the Christmas festivities in Spain. In northern Andalusia the people play the tambourine, a flowerpot perforated by a hollow reed, which is warded and rubbed with the finger gives out a hollow, scraping, monotonous sound. In southern Andalusia the pandero or tambourine is the chief instrument.

The Christmas "Cenone." The "Cenone," a Christmas custom of southern Italy, is also observed in Rome. It is an ancient festival of the lower classes and is held on Christmas eve. It is a fast-feast if it may so be designated whose object is a reunion of families in a spirit of devotion. It consists of a supper at which macaroni and fish are the principal dishes. No other is served into whose composition either meat, yolks of eggs, milk or butter waters. Because of the "Cenone" the streets are deserted and dull on Christmas eve. After midnight in some sections noisy parades appear.

Mechanical Toys Are Not New. In all ages of the world's history children have loved toys. History records the fact that figures of animals, such as horses, goats and dogs, were found among the toys made of pottery years before the Christian era. Even the mechanical toy is not a new invention, for in ancient Greece, where moving statuary assembled or unrolled both wheels and gears, there was a variety of Athenian house which did not possess a mechanical toy of some sort.

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My best bet is that if Senator Chamberlain was a candidate for re-election this year he wouldn't have introduced that compulsory boy military bill at this stage of the game—for the women wouldn't have done a thing to him.—Benton County Courier.

Perhaps the senator thinks that he will be able to live it down in nearly six years and that when he gets the smile and handshake to working again, all will be forgotten.

CHURCHES

METHODIST

W. C. STEWART, Pastor.
The First Methodist church service Sunday, Dec. 26, will be as follows: Sunday School at 10. Let every boy and girl be present and bring some one with them. Divine Worship 11 a. m. Topic, "If Christ Had Not Come." Epworth League at 6:30. Mr. H. Saura, leader. Divine worship 7:30. On Sunday morning, Jan. 2, the pastor will take for his topic, "The City Council on Trial."

PRESBYTERIAN

Grover C. Birtcher, A. B., Pastor.
Another year is ending. Let every one be found at church on this the last Sunday of 1915. Next Sunday is Foreign Mission Day. In the morning the pastor will preach on the theme, "Never Again." In the evening the subject is to be, "The Leaders of the Flag." Union prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at this church. Note particularly the subject for the following Sabbath morning, Jan. 2, 1916, namely, "The Independence City Council on Trial."

A cordial welcome to everyone to all of these services.

CHRISTIAN

F. Claude Stephens, Pastor.
Program for Christmas week, following Lord's Day, Dec. 26: Bible School at 10 a. m., J. W. Richardson, superintendent. Divine Worship at 11 a. m. Theme, "Where Is the King?" Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening Service 7:30. Theme, "Back to Jerusalem." Wednesday, Bible study. Training class, 7:15 p. m. Thursday, Song rehearsal, 7:30 p. m. Christmas program, Christmas eve, Dec. 24, at 7:30.

The Bible School and church extends to all citizens everywhere, Christmas Jests and a Bright New Year. May the God of Heaven prosper the way of all.

BAPTIST

W. S. STEWART, Pastor.
The coming Sunday will be the last Sunday of this year. Let us all make it a sacred day by our attendance at church. Sunday School at 10. Preaching at 11. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon. The subject will be "The Rescued Religion." B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. Preaching at 7:30. The sermon topic will be, "Bible Posts." Be sure and note this, that one week from Sunday, namely, on Jan. 2, in the morning the pastor will preach on the subject, "The Independence City Council on Trial." You are invited to every service of this church.

LOCAL NEWS

Fire Sale on Shoes for the whole family at Max Goldman's.

The music will be fine at the Christmas night dance given by the Independence Orchestra.

O. A. Kremer has a Christmas decoration that most people

think is artificial but it is genuine Elk moss.

Herbert Nelson son of Mrs. A. A. Nelson, won the dollar check offered by the Monitor for the number of "e" in the Christmas ads in last week's issue. Herbert did not have the correct number but was nearer than all the others. In all 36 boys and girls guessed at it, several missing the right number by several hundred.

This week The Monitor staff takes a short vacation, the only time we are not on the job at all hours and all times. December is a very important month in the editor's family—that is, me and my wife and no more. All of us were born in December, weaned in December, wooed in December and married in December. So it is excusable if we take a day off and properly celebrate.

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