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## St. Winnifred and the Tree

One story of the origin of the green tree as the Christmas tree among the people of northern Europe is given in a legend of St. Winnifred. It is one of the many thousands of those simple and beautiful beliefs that have attached themselves to the midwinter festival and which generally pass now under the name of "Christmas myths." It is related that St. Winnifred, a great Christian missionary, began cutting down a "sacred" oak which had been the object of worship by the northern pagans whom he was seeking to lead aright. While he was hewing down the huge tree it was blasted by a sudden whirlwind. Close beside it was a young fir tree, which was not harmed either by the whirlwind or by the fall of the giant oak. Then St. Winnifred is reported to have spoken as follows to the pagans:

"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree to-night. It is the wood of peace, for your homes are built of it. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are always green. See how it points toward heaven! Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it; not in the wild woods, but in your homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and acts of kindness."

The fir tree, the common evergreen of the northern regions, became the holy tree of the converted pagans, and in its honor or in memory of the thoughts it stood for they decorated it with lights and gifts at Christmas.

## OREGON DAIRYMEN TO MEET.

The Oregon Dairymen's Association will hold its annual meeting at Hillsboro, January 14-15. Hillsboro was selected, announces the secretary of the association, Prof. P. M. Brandt, head of the college dairy department, because it is the heart in a rapidly growing dairy district of great promise. The farmers of the district desired to have the annual meet at that place.

## Lower Telephone Rates.

Postmaster Burleson has announced a reduction in night long-distance telephone rates and a charge for all long-distance calls whether the individual call is reached or not, providing connection is made with his telephone. New standard line rates are also established. The new rates are to be effective January 21 and are recommended in the first report of the committee on standardization.

## To Study Neglected Boys.

Mayor Baker has named a committee to study the problems of the "bad" boy in Portland. The names given are: C. C. Cole, head of the Boy Scout movement; Dr. John H. Boyd, ex-Mayor Albee, Chief of Police Johnson and Rabbi Wise were named. In addition, these five are to select two mothers, who will deal with the problem from the "mother angle."

## The Christmas Doll



There once was a doll on a Christmas tree.

Who sighed to the angel that hung above.

"Oh, how I do wish they would keep me above."

A sweet little, neat little girl to love;

"A dear little mother to curl my locks,

To rock me to sleep, and to wake me up."

To dress me in cute little gowns and frocks,

And feed me with milk from her silver cup;

A kind little mother, who'd never say

A word that was angry, nor let me fall,

Who'd always be ready to let me play

With bright little friends who should come to call!"

And, strange though the wonderful fact may be,

That little wax doll's little wish came true;

They picked her right off the Christmas tree.

And gave her, my dear little girl to you!

—Arthur Outman in the Youth's Companion

## DEATHS.

At the residence, 5527 Seventy-second street, S. E., December 17, 1918, Dorothy Nietling, aged 3 years, 4 months, 23 days, beloved daughter of Albert and Selena Nietling.

At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. McMones, 2420 Sixty-seventh street, S. E., December 18, Mary Guinn, aged 60 years, 6 months, 20 days, sister of Scott Gilbert, of this city, and Louise Stookesbury, of Turlock, Cal.

At his residence, 6006 Fortieth avenue, Southeast, Andrew Mabee, aged 35 years, husband of Addie Mabee, father of E. Mabee, Dayton, Or.; brother of Frank and Ollie Mabee, of this city; Sylvia Morgaridge, of this city; Nellie Morgaridge, Dayton, Or., and Mrs. Carrie Dannels.

In this city, December 17, Harold T. Joy, aged 18 years, of Centralia, Wash. The funeral services will be conducted (Friday) December 29, at 1 P. M., in the mortuary chapel of A. D. Kenworthy & Co., Lents. Interment in Mt. Scott Park Cemetery.



May the Christmas season bring joys of Peace to You; and in the coming year may there be no Embargo on your happiness; may your opportunities not be Entrenched; may the Battles of the past be forgotten, and the Bugle call lead you on to loved ones who love you, and watch over you.

## Christmas Roll Call Drive Will End Monday

For Christmas, a membership in the Red Cross is a suitable and seasonable gift. The Red Cross is not being demobilized with the termination of the war. Its work is going forward, backed by the American people. There will come disasters and other big events which will make the use of the Red Cross necessary. The organization is prepared to offer this service on call, but it wants the spirit of America behind it and to obtain this spirit it is necessary to have the American people enrolled as members. That is why the Red Cross membership drive is being held this week. The drive will close December 23.

This campaign has nothing to do with funds. It is not to raise money. It wants members and it wants every adult as a member. The dues are one dollar a year and you enroll once only. Throughout the country the plan is to enroll 50,000,000 people. Last year the membership drive netted 22,000,000. That means that this drive must produce twice as many members as a year ago. On this basis, Oregon, if it is to maintain its record for patriotic response, must enroll something like 500,000 members. This, however, is not the quota for the state, for there are no quotas in the campaign. It gives an idea, nevertheless, of what Oregon should produce if the plan of "Universal Membership" is carried out to the last analysis.

## Christmas Morning



O lookit, Tommy, Santa come for you and me, But I never heard a single sound when he left that Christmas tree.

## Christmas Is Children's Day

The message of Christmas is love. Its emblem is radiant, thankful, contented childhood. Without love and without children there could be no real Christmas. The form might survive but the substance would be lacking.

Unhappy must be the adult who cannot make himself a child again in spirit at the Yuletide. For Christmas is the universal children's day. Men and women are superfluous except as they make themselves partners with those whom the day glorifies.

Let us, then, lay aside the affection and arrogance of manhood and womanhood and be children again. Let us adopt their point of view and put ourselves in their places—in the places of these sons and daughters of ours and of the sons and daughters of our neighbors. It was only a year or two ago, as it seems, when we hung our well-worn stockings in a row along the mantel shelf, while our fathers and mothers looked on with unfeigned pleasure at the innocent confidence we showed in what the morrow would bring forth.

Even as you and I. It all comes back in a flood of memories. Life was simpler then. Our desires were less pretentious than those our children voice now. Modest remembrances they were that bulged toe and heel of the stockings mother knit.

Life and its circumstances change, but the essence of Christmas never. The same happy childhood, the same restlessness, the same snail-like creeping of time as the holiday approaches. The same parenthood, too—the same planning across the reading table after the boys and girls are abed, the same loving consideration of what this or that child most desires and how far the family purse can properly be stretched to permit some further purchase.

Every home is assured a Christmas if it has a great, warm heart pulsating in tune with the hopes and joys of childhood.—Exchange.

## A Christmas Wireless.

To you and yours a wireless Along the Good-will line It brings a Christmas greeting With love from me and mine.

## His Guess.

"Who was it said to him that hath shall be given?"

"I don't remember, but I presume it was some fellow who had eight or nine necktie holders and had just received four more for Christmas."

## FRIENDS CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Every Member Movement of the Friends Church.

All over the United States and Canada the Friends (Quakers) churches are conducting an every Member Movement in the interests of the missionary work of the church. While there has not been a shortage in funds when compared with past year, yet when present high prices are considered the usual amount has been found altogether inadequate and the Missionary Board finds itself in pressing needs of about \$75,000, which should be raised by April 1. There is a membership of about 75,000 who support this work.

The church has rallied to the occasion and has been conducting a campaign of investigation, intercession and investment, to be concluded Christmas eve, when every member of the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and church will make an offering of silver, which will be used to support the missionary work of the church which is maintained in the five fields of Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica, Africa and Palestine.

The Second Friends' Church of Portland (Lents Church) is participating in the campaign with considerable zeal.

Christmas eve an entertainment will be given in which the principal exercise is called "The Worship of Nations." The principal characters will be "The Spirit of Christmas" (Arna Bass); "A Friend" (Quaker) (J. Allen Dunbar), and representatives dressed in native costume from Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica, Africa and Palestine, all worshipping the child Jesus. Special music will be rendered by the choir. Everybody is invited.

The Sunday School expenses are all paid through the church fund and all the Sunday School offerings go to the support of ministers, thus creating a spirit of unselfishness among the children. The Lents Church is also helping to support the reconstruction work which is being carried on in France, Belgium and Russia, where we have over 200 boys who give their time to this work, which consists of agriculture, carpentry, building and repairing homes, hospital work and so on. This is under the civilian branch of the Red Cross. This church contributes about \$50 per month to the support of this work. The church, as a whole, has put about \$200,000 into this work since the entrance of the United States into the war, besides doing their share in Armenian relief, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. and other charitable work.

## W. C. T. U. NOTES

Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. held one of its best sessions Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. L. Scheuerman. The ministers of the town were invited to be present and given the entire time on the program. Rev. Smith spoke first on, "The Greatest Gift to Man, the Savior." His eloquent words stirred every heart. Mrs. Shupp followed, showing what we might give in return for all those wonderful benefits of the Gospel. Miss Terrill reviewed "Evangelism, Past and Present." Three things are necessary for a revival—a faithful preacher, the power of the Spirit, and intercessory prayer.

In conclusion, Brother Shupp spoke feelingly of the rise of the W. C. T. U., especially mentioning the work of Dr. Dia Lewis and the Crusade Mothers of Columbus, Ohio, in 1872. "Holy Night," on the Graphonola, was fine.

Two duets were given, one by Mr. and Mrs. Fankhauser, the other by the Ash sisters. Both were much enjoyed.

Mrs. Esther Fankhauser, Evangelistic superintendent, planned the program. The Union will meet again January 14, place to be announced later.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

Next Sunday, at the Arleta Baptist Church, the Xmas program will be given at 10:30 A. M. The program will largely take the form of a service of song by the Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Finley. Special numbers will also be given by the choir led by Prof. C. M. Godfrey. An offering will be taken for Armenian relief. An address will be given by Rev. W. Garnet Handley. At 7:30 P. M., Xmas music will be rendered and the theme of the sermon will be, "The Lord of Heaven Crowded Out."