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**EDITORIAL**  
THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

There is probably no period of the year around which cluster so many pleasant and joyful memories as that of the holiday season. A space of time fraught with pleasure, surprises, proofs and perpetuations of friendship, hearty good wishes to all and of new resolves. It is a time when old age leaps back into youth, youth into childhood, and childhood reaches the ultimatum of happiness. It is during this brief, merry time that the merchant and the professional man lay aside the perplexities of business life; the laboring man and the mechanic take a much needed respite; and all join in the holiday festivities with the vivacity of youth and the dominant wish of "Good will towards man." And, as the years creep on apace, holiday after holiday is anticipated, enjoyed and passed; as childhood creeps into youth, youth leaps into manhood, manhood walks into old age and old age totters towards the grave, then does the eye turn from the fleeting, transitory joys of earth to that Eternal Life of Holidays awaiting just beyond.

What a wealth of joy the mere word Christmas suggests. How fruitful it is of pleasures for us and surprises for others. It brings to us intuitively the happy days of youth; the inexpressible idea of the jolly, laughing, beautiful Santa Claus; of his dainty, sleek team; of the heavily laden sleigh; of the many gifts we longed for; of the many he left us; and in our Christmas dreams, as he rushed down the chimney and filled each stocking with appropriate gifts, we would see the merry twinkle of his eye and hear his voice in, "A Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night." Then would come to us the snap of the whip, the jingle of the bells, the clatter of the hoofs, and he was gone. Yet it was only a dream, and as we grew on in years and this day dream was shattered and our Santa Claus took the more tangible shape of parents or friends, there instinctively came to us the wish for the days of our youth, that we might continue to live under the happiness of its golden dreams instead of the continual struggle with matter of fact realities.

New Year is the narrow isthmus between the past and the future. A day commemorative of the death of the old and the birth of the new. A verge upon which one stands for a brief moment, perchance, and casts a retrospective glance; rejoices in the success of the past, and mourns over its failures; is happy again in its pleasures, broods over its sorrows, renews old friendships, forgives old enemies, and gathers from all the invaluable but often very bitter essence, experience. Deep in the reverie of the past we are brought back to the present; as there comes wafted to us in the stillness of the night, the merry music of the chimes, ringing out the old, ringing in the new, the sweet melody of the carols, as we stand on the threshold of another year, with all of its possibilities and uncertainties screened by the veil of the unknown.

**THUS SAITH THE ORACLE.**

Is there a man who does not delight to play Santa Claus? If there is such a one, his heart must be of the size and substance of a dried pea. There may be such shriveled, selfish and soulless individuals, but they are in the great minority at this season of the year.

The average man is revelling in the joys of playing Santa Claus for his or some other man's children. In his home he is keeping alive the old yet ever new tradition of the galloping reindeers, scudding over the house tops and halting beside the chimneys of the homes where good little children live, while that most delightful character of all legend, Santa Claus, fills the cavernous stockings hanging by the fireplace. The average man tells this story so often that he almost believes it himself.

Then there are mysterious whisperings when the children are asleep, and closet doors and bureau drawers which are kept closely guarded under

lock, and the many little deceits which are practiced to ascertain the various wants of little folks.

And after a weary day at business, what man is there that will not put in hours of Christmas shopping at night? He and his wife will invade even the most crowded stores, will cheerfully submit to having their ribs poked and their feet trodden upon, will pull the necks of groaning cows and squeeze the innards of squeaking dollies, and will return home at midnight in a jostling throng, and hang for two miles to a car strap with one hand, and with the other try to juggle a boy's sled and pay car fare at the same time.

The democracy of man comes out at such a time as this. A man who at other times would send his office boy up the street with a little package of laundry, would not hesitate to carry home a velocipede and a toy baby carriage at Christmas time.

Oh, the fun that there is in it! We can say that we do it for the sake of the children. Perhaps we do. But we get a whole lot of sport out of it ourselves.

Some day we will not be around to play Santa Claus. There will be for us no more visiting the brilliant stores; no more buying of toys; no more little deceptions at home; no more filling of the stockings, and no more Christmas mornings.

This thought need not make us sad. Indeed, there should be nothing which would in anywise interfere with the joys of Christmas season. Instead, we should endeavor to make every Christmas the merriest and brightest possible. But we should also look ahead to the days when Christmas celebration will be observed without us.

We may not be there in body. We may not be able to help in the buying and in the decorating. We may not play Santa Claus around the Christmas tree. But we can arrange to have these things done by proxy. We can so provide that there will be no robbing the children of the joys at Christmas because of our death.

**TARIFF REFORM.**

The republican party does not deny that tariff reform is desirable. It has never contended that the schedules are perfect. Opposed to free trade, the party has not held that amendments to the tariff schedules would be unnecessary. Experience, changes in the balance of trade, excess of exports over imports, these may, and, indeed, do from time to time suggest changes in the tariff. Infant protected industries under the protective tariff come to a state in time where protection is no longer needed; great industries profiting by the protection given feeble ones, have taken advantage of the tariff amounting to unfairness and these matters necessarily must be adjusted to do justice. So while democratic leadership is framing a tariff revision battle cry under the belief that with that slogan the party can gain control of the government, it will find that the republican party does not take issue with the abstract statement that tariff revision is necessary. On the contrary it has revised the tariff schedules; it is constantly engaged in the study of them with a view to relaxing, stiffening, errecting and generally revising them, but always with an eye single to maintenance of the protective principle. On the question of tariff revision without free trade, we do not believe the democracy will be able to drum up an issue upon which to go before the people in a presidential campaign at any time.

Most electric railways have a rule forbidding passengers riding on the front platform of a car except at their own risk, save where seats are provided on such platforms, and in those cases passengers must not stand while the cars are in motion. The courts have held that rule or regulation to be reasonable. But the rule has recently been held in a Massachusetts case to be waived when the railway company permits passengers to stand upon the front platform and collects the fare without requiring the party to be seated or to come within the car; and so, too, where it is the custom to ride on the front platform and the company does not break it up, it is held that the corporation is liable for damages in case of accident due to its neglect.

Those who propose retaliatory legislation on account of the proposed German protective and prohibitive tariff are unwise. Leave the matter alone and it will adjust itself. The new schedules hit Austria and Russia quite as hard as they do the United States. In fact, German expression indicates that the

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**BILLIONAIRES ONCE COMMON.**

Joseph and Solomon Make Modern Millionaires Look Like Paupers. A writer in a Jewish magazine has been looking into the Agadic history of the Talmud, and believes that there were richer men before the Christian era than there are now. We know that Croesus was rich, and that there were huge Roman fortunes in the times of the empire. The Talmud stories go back further still.

The great corner in corn that Joseph managed was fabulously profitable. Tradition says that Joseph, acting for Pharaoh, got his hands on pretty much all the ready money there was in his day, and buried three enormous treasures, one of which was found by Korah, whose fortune, estimated according to the modern standards of value, is rated by the magazine at \$5,000,000,000.

Solomon's stable, with its horses, chariots, and horsemen, is said to have represented a sum the modern equivalent of which would be \$300,000,000 or \$400,000,000, and he spent \$250,000,000 on his temple. Herod's temple cost more still.

In Jerusalem in Roman times there were three Jews who between them felt able to face an expenditure of \$100,000,000 a year for twenty-one years. They offered to feed the million inhabitants of Jerusalem for that length of time rather than surrender the city. One of these Jews, Nikodemon, gave his daughter a dowry of \$425,000,000. There were other Jews of whose enormous wealth the Agadic history makes record. — Harper's Weekly.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of the Portland Trolley Street Company will be held at 134 First street on Monday, November 21, 1904, at 4:30 P. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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**SUMMONS.**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, The Ainsworth National Bank of Portland, Oregon, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. George W. Hahn, Gertrude Hahn, E. B. Treman, Henry Jennings and Fred Jennings, partners doing business under the firm name of Jennings Bros., Lemuel Poulsen & Co., a corporation, George H. Williams, J. E. & Wood, S. B. Linticum and J. C. Flinders, partners under the name of Williams, Wood & Linticum, Clara Kaufman, G. M. Kutz & Co., a corporation, and J. C. Kraemer, defendants.

To George W. Hahn, Gertrude Hahn, E. B. Treman and G. M. Kutz & Co., a corporation, defendants above named: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 19th day of December, 1904, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: For a decree that plaintiff have section sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) in township one (1) south, range one (1) east of the Willamette meridian, bearing east 20 rods; thence north 40 rods; thence west 9 rods; thence south 40 rods, to the place of beginning, containing five acres. Also the following described real property: Beginning at the quarter section corner between sections sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) in township one (1) south, range one (1) east of the Willamette meridian; thence running east 80 rods; thence north 40 rods; thence west 9 rods; thence south 40 rods, to the place of beginning, containing fifteen acres, more or less, be decreed to be a first lien upon said real property, and that the said mortgage be foreclosed and the said real property sold as upon execution to satisfy such decree as plaintiff may obtain in this suit, and that the said defendants and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title or interest in or to said real property or any part thereof, and that the proceeds arising from such sale shall be applied toward the satisfaction of plaintiff's mortgage herein and that the balance, if any, shall be applied as to the above entitled court shall seem best and equitable, and that the plaintiff have such other and further relief as to the court may seem most and equitable.

This summons is published by order of Hon. M. C. George, Judge of the above entitled court, duly made and entered on the 3rd day of November, 1904, and said order directs publication of this summons not less than once a week for six consecutive weeks, and that you shall so appear and answer on or before the 19th day of December, 1904. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 5th day of November 1904.

**CHAMBERLAIN & THOMAS,**  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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