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THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS.

And Mary brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a mandling clothes and laid him in a man- effects of the war and steadily in-ger, because there was no room for creased its sales of manufactures them in the inn. And there were in to us. the same country shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night. And the angel of the Lord came upon them and said unto them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people. For unto you is born this day a Savior. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace,

good will toward men. When the angels were gone away the wondering shepherds went into the village of Bethlehem and there they found the habe lying in the manger. Beside him sat Mary, infinite love in her heart, pondering on the marvels that had come to pass, foreboding the future. The hope of the world budded in the body of her little child. It was hers to nurse and rear. Hers to watch over as time buffeted and evil marred it. When he wrought the miracle of the wine at the marriage feast in Cana his mother was there. When he stood be-fore Pilate, forsaken of all, Mary wept on the threshold. She was at the foot of the cross as he died and she must have felt the black despair of his soul when he cried that God had forsaken him. Through such agonies was mankind redeemed.

is believed by some that Jesus drew his intellectual inspiration from his mother. About his teachings there was a directness, an absence of mystical speculation which seemed to partake of woman's clear common sense. The world had been fed on mysteries until it was cloyed. The Roman empire into which Jesus was born swarmed with religions, some that had come down from the dim beginnings of the world, some that had been invented but yesterday. All of them were full of speculation and magic. All promised salvation to man, but none had ever fulfilled the promise. They sought the great end by rites, ceremonies, holy words and potent incantations. The Son of Mary transcended all that. He taught that the world was to be saved by men's inner feeling and outer conduct. He gave to the human soul the precept, "Love one an-He laid down the law of conduct in the golden rule. The speculative generation that came after him forgot the essence of his teaching and difficult labyrinths men lost sight of were those who remembered. James tual power by her own servants. visit the fatherless and the widows in doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and to

Isalah's. We can imagine him conning to himself the bold words of the dauntless prophet, "Bring no more of assemblies I cannot away with. make you clean; cease to do evil, learn oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead rule. for the widow." Jesus himself con-stantly repeated the same teaching. everyday conduct, and it was nothing more. When one came running to ask him what he should do to inherit etera single sentence; "Sell whatever thou hast and give to the poor; and come take up the cross and follow me." No Britain as a colonizing power.

list of doctrines to study and puzzle Turkey's entrance into the war, over, no series of ceremonies to perdeeds are infinitely harder than words. Self-denial calls for higher courage than ceremonial, and the man who away "grieved." So the whole world but it has always gone away grieved at the thought of his clear and simple

walk humbly with thy God?"

"I was hungered and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was and ye came unto me." all the holy angels with him. Jesus that men had framed before his day. He put no faith in rite and ceremonial, He taught unwaveringly that if the world were saved at all it must be physics. The world has tried to better decided by the war in Egypt. itself by strife. But strife sends a heritage of hate down the years and

teachings.

when love informs it. All knowledge is good when it is irradiated with the serene light of the highest truth. And to see that light in its pure, sweet beauty, the beauty of deathless love, we must bend with the shepherds above the manger in Bethlehem where the babe sleeps under its mother's eyes.

WAR THE ONLY ANTIDOTE.

Dally, Sunday included, one year\$9.00 the Underwood tariff on our foreign then sailed away to St. Mary's Isle, Bow to Remit—Send Postoffice money or der, express order or personal check on your exceeded imports by \$691,000,000, but and to hold him as a hostage for better of the country and state.

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Fostrag Pales—12 to 16 pages 1 cent 18 to do so until April, when the balance turned against us, and it remained Jones was denounced as a pirate, but against us through the first month of he bought the plate from his men for the war, as the following table, compiled by the New York Mail, shows: 1915 Excess 1914 Excess

April 0f Exports. of Imports.

\$ 53.618,977 \$11,200,544

May 06.883,709 2,548,808

June 22.10,030 457,409

Tury 21.900,008 5,538,344 21,909,608 30,257,467 \$218,819,791 \$39,145,496 In October and November, this year,

When the wheat-shipping season opened we were looking to it as a means of stopping exports and starting imports of gold. But for the war we might have continued to export gold every month in settlement of the

adverse balance of trade. It is a poor recommendation for a tariff law that nothing short of a general war, which is impoverishing Eu rope, could prevent it from steadily Impoverishing this country.

THE AUTHOR OF WOLFVILLE.

While Alfred Henry Lewis was known to those keenly interested in Governmental affairs as an able political writer, the larger area of his fame was acquired through the medium of his fiction. Where hundreds will remember him as journalist thousands will hold him in esteem for the pleasant hours he has given them in the perusal of his books.

It is asserted in his biography that the foundation of his popularity as an author was his Wolfville stories. It is likely that time will prove them to be the superstructure as well. They are tales of the romantic days now all but gone of the great Southwest. Lewis lived the life of a cowboy in the 30, 1914, was earned by compelling Texas Panhandle and he caught and the railroads to carry the increased and the atmosphere of the locality as no other writer of Western fiction, His word pictures, like Remington's paint-

ings, were true to Western life.
Mr. Lewis' earlier Wolfville storgained a tremendous following in the popular magazines, but as a result, unfortunately for their permanent reputation as a whole, he was encouraged to exhaust their novelty. Unlike Conan Doyle, who realized that the quality of his Sherlock Holmes stories could not be maintained indefinitely and who can hardly be induced to bring his fanciful detective out of retirement, Mr. Lewis did not know when to stop. Yet there are among the Wolfville stories tales that for long years to come will be cherished as breathing the life of days in the West that had a charm and interest -days that will never be known in real life again.

HOLD ON EGYPT GROWS FIRMER. In replacing the Khedive of Egypt, who was held prisoner by the Turks, wove round his simple precepts a web with a new Khedive, Great Britain is of mystical dreams. Some of them following the policy which she has pursued with much success religions, others were spun from By keeping nominal power in the Paul's fertile intelligence and in their hands of a dummy native sovereign, she caters to native prejudice and the master's own words. But there reconciles the people to exercise of acsummed them up in his terse precept ruling class is permitted to hold titles that pure religion and undefiled is "to of dignity and of some emolument, and is thus conciliated. The masses their affliction and to keep himself of the people are governed with jusunspotted from the world," answering tice, and measures are taken for the Micah's imperishable question, "What betterment of their condition, while care is observed not to arouse religious bigotry and race antagonism. The alk humbly with thy God?"

people enjoy all the material benefits
James' contempt for ceremony and of British rule without any accompanihis love of deeds were as keen as ments which in dead make it obnoxious, and therefore are content.

Thus it is that British rule in India has inspired such loyalty in the native vain oblations unto me. The calling princes that upon the outbreak of war they poured their treasures into the Your new moons and your appointed war-chest. In Egypt the assembled feasts my soul hateth. Wash you, Arab sheiks were informed that Turkey had become the tool of Germany to do well, seek judgment, relieve the and promptly swore fidelity to British the victories it won under British of-Religion was a thing of inner love and Reinforced by troops from Great Brit- volunteers, the conclusion is drawn ain and from India, it fights for the mpire against the Turks. This specacle of the conquered won over to and nal life, the Master told the secret in fighting for the cause of the conquer- tarism after the European pattern,

while adding to the tax on the reform, but a plain deed to do. But sources of the allies, promises to prove an advantage to Great Britain, provided she is victorious. It enables her plan is entertained and that no such to end the shadowy Turkish suzerainty consequences would ensue. had come inquiring so eagerly went over Egypt and to clinch her power over that country by making the new reduced from two to three years for has gone from that day to this. It has adored has talked about Jesus. It has adored her protection. It enables her to resk years' service in the reserve; in fact he would use the regular army as boundary of Egypt, over which she al- a training school. In this manner, a

But there will be some fierce fighting before this is accomplished. A regular army costs about \$600 a year. Turkish army has moved south from Mr. Weeks estimates that we could Damascus through Syria, gathering up maintain a reserve soldier at \$36 to sick and ye visited me; I was in prison the Bedouin tribesmen on its march, \$40 a year. Thus we could maintain This is the re- and has attacked the British and ligion of Jesus. He said so himself Egyptians on the frontier between El regular. By reducing by one-third the and made it the last test by which to Arish and Akaha. The historic desert separate the sheep from the goats of Sinai seems to be the chief scene of be able to maintain a reserve army of when he should come in his giory and hostilities, for it lies between the several times the size of the regular frontier and the Suez Canal, which turned away from the philosophies Britain must defend to the last in order to keep open the route to India,

China, Japan and East Africa. If the allies win, British power over Egypt will be so firmly established saved by love, love working itself out that it cannot be shaken for many dein conduct. There never was a teacher cades. If they lose, Germany will in men, 50,000 of less than one year's so utterly practical. He was despised time take from the weak hands of service and behind it 100,000 men sufand rejected when he walked the Turkey control over Egypt and with ficient to keep it at fighting strength earth. He has been despised and re-jected since. Men have tried every tal trade and the development of the ond army would have only 62,500 imaginable way of salvation but his great Soudan empire will pass into trained men, 62,500 of less than one way. We have spun philosophies as they did of yore. We have sought the kingdom of heaven through meta-kingdom of heaven through meta-kingdom of all Asiatic trade is to be

The Federal Court in Arizona has multiplies the evils it would cure. We followed a pretty well established prechave sought the way out of woe by edent in refusing to interfere with the order that the nation may get full the light of science, but the beams that prohibition amendment. It has been value for this money, it is necessary promised so much have betrayed us remarked by students that the courts that the officers be worked to their

evil passions of men seize upon the public opinion and could not do it if 2500 to 3000 men. Mr. Weeks showed work of science and wreak death and they did try. Daily experience seems destruction with it. Science is good to confirm this theoretical view.

PAUL JONES' RAID ON ENGLAND. The most noteworthy raid on the British coast since the Norman conquest and prior to the German bom-bardment of Yorkshire towns was the attack of John Paul Jones on Whitehaven, on the coast of Cumberland, on April 22, 1778. He led thirty-three men ashore in two rowboats, surprised and drove away the garrison of two The war alone has saved the United forts, reached the tidal basin and defew pieces of the Earl's silver plate. \$700 and returned it to the Earl with letter of apology.

Unlike the Germans, Jones did not ombard private property, confining his attacks to forts and ships, and his return of captured plunder has no known parallel in the present war. He thus summed up the results of his raid:

Its actual results were of little moment, for the intended destruction of shipping was limited to one vessel. But the moral effect of it was very great, as it taught the English that the fancied security of their coast was a myth, and thereby compelled their government to take expensive measures for the defense of numerous ports hitherto relying for protection wholly on the vigilance and supposed omnipotence of their navys it also doubled or more the rates of insurance, which in the long run proved the most grievous damage of all.

That about describes the results of Europe began to recover from the first That about describes the results of

the recent German raid. It has destroyed British confidence in immunity from attack on the coast, and has compelled the British government to make better provision for defense of the ports. It has increased the sense of nsecurity among ship-owners and has has stimulated enlistment in the army ice on the continent, and to that ex- all the time. tent has helped the Germans. It has also consoled them to some extent for

A ONE-SIDED BARGAIN.

With some show of reason the railroads maintain that Postmaster-General Burleson's boasted surplus of \$3,-Mr. 569,545 for the fiscal year ending June

of cheating them out of their just due charge, for railway mail pay was only pends. 2.5 per cent higher in 1914 than in 191₽, while postoffice revenue was 16.7 revenue was due mainly to the parcel based on weighing of mail in 1912, is not pleasant to contemplate. before the parcel post was instituted. Against the claims of the railroads it of pay were exorbitant and that the by Representative Moon to good hit-off, to our notion, change the basis of payment in such a manner as to give the railroads an future increase proportionate to the crease of postal traffic, but the railoads say the increase should be about Neither the Postmaster-General nor Congress is competent to decide what are fair rates for carrying the mails, for they represent one party to a bargain, and therefore should not be permitted to force their terms on the other party, which is the railroads. The whole matter should be left to an impartial tribunal. Rates of pay for carrying mail should be adjusted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, just as are rates for carrying other traffic. The Government should not permit itself to "cinch" the railroads nor should the railroads be permitted

ECONOMY IN ARMY RESERVE.

"cinch" the Government

A large part of the opposition to proposed increase of our available military force is due to a misappre-When the General Staff pro-The Egyptian army, proud of poses that the United States provide a trained force of 500,000 men suppleficers in the Soudan, remains faithful. mented by from 100,000 to 200,000 500,000 men, and immediately an outors is the strongest possible evidence that it would compel large numbers of f the justice and efficiency of Great young men to waste several years in present. military training and that it would impose an intolerable financial burden

on the people. Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, in a recent speech showed that no such He proposes that the term of enlistment be most came to blows with Turkey a few large supply of trained soldiers could be provided at a relatively small, if any, increase of cost. A soldier in the eight reserve men at the cost of one term in the regular army, we should army at the same cost. Mr. showed that an active army of 100,000 men and a reserve of 200,000 men car be kept for less money than an active army of 125,000 men with no reserve. The first army would have an effective fighting strength of 150,000 trained to 87,500.

Our present system is wasteful in several ways. The annual pay of the officers of a regiment is \$110,400. In into new and hopeless misery. The will not try to dam a deep current of full capacity. They can handle in war

that, unless we provide trained men to fill up gaps in the ranks, the strength of a regiment would shrink in ix months' fighting to 1500 men. Regitrained men. Officers can handle only half as many such men as of trained own.

money spent on officers by having no

reserve. We waste, in another way, by relying on green volunteers, under inexperienced officers, as a reserve for the active army. Such troops lose 22 to 28 per cent of their strength in the concentration camps before ever going into a campaign and in six months' fighting will have lost 40 per cent and will be reduced from, say, 800 to 360 In this manner our boys are slaughtered by disease through their ignorance of the proper way to take care of themselves, as we learned during the Spanish War.

If our army is not equal or superior in strength, training and equipment to that of a possible enemy, it is foredoomed to defeat and all the mone and labor spent upon it are wasted. Unless it is adequate to accomplish its gent) and the Ladles of the Empire. purpose, it might as well not exist at effect all, for ineffective resistance serves voke him to reprisals. That is the ex- pire."

think, made a better dictionary than from any charitable organization. Webster.

advanced insurance rates. By convincing John Bull that his navy does not provide an impregnable defense, it lengthening the school year from 180 tume. that city will then stand idle only oneand thus has helped him. By provid-ing employment for a proportion of the year. But, as the Chris-tha lord for the year. But, as the Christhe land forces in coast defense, it has too much. Schoolhouses in New York daily lured to destruction by Chickens. reduced the force available for serv- and everywhere else aren't to be used

their naval defeat off the Falkland that will have their usual grand opera Islands.

this Winter, but it will be in Italian. The natural preferences of New Orat all, and Puccini and Mascagni super- too imaginative to constitute even cirsede for the present Offenbach and Massenet.

preserved the dialect of the cattleman and the atmosphere of the locality as equivalent increase of pay.

the railroads to carry the increased kill a man. Joseph Guerin, of Daven- she can sing is of course another mathematical port, Wash, stood for an hour in five ter. She is appearing at the New York They in fact accuse the Government and then of calling the proceeds a he was a human icicle when he was made most acceptable because of her profit. On the face of the figures helped out. On the other hand, a pin there is some justification for the prick is sometimes fatal. It all de- Besides this she and Jack Clifford have

> Oklahoma is a state of tenant per cent higher. That this increase in farmers. The older claimholders have "made their pile," moved to town and ost is suggested by the statement of are living on rents. The tenants are Mr. Burleson that the postal service a hard-driven, discontented race total-now carries \$00,000,000 parcels an- ly unlike the typical American farmer Homeless Belgians. The entire pronually, while railway mail pay is still of politics and literature. The change

> is contended that their former rates modern printers use too many comincrease of traffic caused by the par- symptomatic of an inner thought mal- Back," which will be acted on this oc-

ase in Russia. In England the of liquor is only restricted by early \$30,000,000 a year. Justice surely lies closing, but even that partial measure comewhere between the two extremes. has caused "an enormous decrease in crimes of violence.' If men must board a moving car let

them negotiate the rear platform or ful to the victim than amputation of Company of "A Pair of Sixea." an extremity. But who heeds advice?

Mrs. Fitzsimmons says the pugilist kicked her in the shins. Why didn't Vanguard." he hit her "in the slats," as she commanded, in the memorable battle?

mas and a happy New Year. The Kaiser hardly could have expected Great Britain to agree on ex-

to one. That is his joke. After a brief layoff the Petrograd press agent is back on the job and that it proposes a standing army of the Russians are winning all along

> Now watch some enterprises and plan an attack for a Christmas ner as the star. Now watch some enterprising Gen-

This is the land of the Christmas tree, anyway. The woods are full of Let the East have its white Christ-

We are quite content with our mas. green and gold one The city woodpile may be a handy

Give the postoffice people credit for doing good work the past week.

The Germans give the British a fresh scare every day. Well, did Santa prove a predigal old

chap at your house? If yours is not a Merry Christmas, where is the fault?

However, Christmas is but a mock ery in the trenches. There will be one joyous week in Arizona?

The Arizona flood was a "wet" celeoration.

Sort out the duplicates and be thrifty. Only a few more days to write it

But look out for tomorrow's reac-

Christmas is the postman's labor More like a day in May.

Merry Christmas.

Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Now that Russia, Turkey and France ments dropped to 300 men in the Civil have officially put their feet down on War, and we had no means of getting a Christmas tree, it behooves Germany additional men except by raising addi- and England to show the beauties of tional regiments, composed of un- the fraternal spirit by entering into some little Christmas alliance of their Thus at every point we waste

"Where, oh, where, is the cave man?" vails a poetess. Extinguished is the cave man, through chronic onslaughts of the shave man. This same poetess has written a "Lay

of the Cave Man." Why not a lay of of the cave woman? Might call it Me Some More, Dearie."

At least one of the British soldiery is laboring under a delusion, according to letter just received from Kathleen But no one saw the Prince of Peace Clifford, who is in London.

It seems that one of the schemes of elief indulged in by the Queen and the ladies of her court is the donation of bacco to the troops. The last consign nent was marked, "From Mary R. (Re-

"I don't know Mary R," remarked one raw recruit, "but I think it's jolly only to enrage the enemy and to pro- kind of those chorus girls at the Em-

Instead of giving a Christmas mat-Vizetelly's new book on "The De-velopment of the English Dictionary" where she is playing in New York, May (Funk & Wagnalls) gives proper cred- Irwin will celebrate the occasion by it to the great lexicographers on both posing as Santa Claus in the theater sides of the water. It has a good pic-lobby, dispensing gifts to poor little ture of Dr. Samuel Johnson and an- girls and boys. She purchased over a other of Noah Webster. Nor does it thousand dolls and toys, and says that forget Joseph Worcester, who, as some no little applicant will require an O. K. passing it might be mentioned that jolly May Irwin is physically a perfect There is talk in New York of Santa Claus. She'll need only a cos-

"Seven Thousand Servians Lured to Destruction by Ducks," reads a head-line. Thousands of American men are

Charles Klein returns to London this week. He is keeping his house in that New Orleans is one of the few cities city open chiefly in order to give his servants a home in these trying times.

A poetic love letter to a woman from leans are French, but the choice just an actor has no effect upon the victory now is between Italian music or none of her separation suit. Actors are much cumstantial evidence.

Now it develops that Evelyn Nesbit It takes a great deal sometimes to Thaw "has a singing voice." Whether feet of ice water a day or two ago. It Colonial in vaudeville and the critics chilled him, but he survived, though say that her one song, "Tipperary," was clear sweet voice and spirited delivery.' their dancing act. Evelyn is a recognized headliner.

Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson gives a Christmas matinee today at the Cort Theater in San Francisco for the beneceeds of the matinee will be devoted to this fund. Forbes-Robertson and his company will donate their perform-The "New Republic" opines that ance, John Cort the theater and Jerome J. Jerome the royalties on his play, "Passing of the Third Floor cal post has merely given the Government approximately the service for which it was paying. It is now promption to the service for each of the service for which it was paying. It is now promption to the service for each of the service for weeks. He opens in Portland at the Heilig on January 18 for four nights From all the world over reports are and a matinee in repertoire of "Hamimmediate increase of \$600,000 and a unvarying that closing bars diminishes let," "The Light That Failed" and future increase proportionate to the crime. This has been remarkably the "Passing of the Third Floor Back." old next month.

Folk who used to know Oza Waldop when she was a Baker Player here can see a good picture of that attractive and elusive young actress in pass it up. If thrown it may mean a the current issue of the Dramatic Mirfractured skull, which is more merci- ror. Oza is playing in the Eastern

ast of the Shubert production "In the

Marjorle Rambeau, who is playing her first New York engagement in the If you did your part toward making principal part of "So Much for So others comfortable and happy you are Much," at the Longacre Theater, has entitled to enjoy a real merry Christ- signed a contract to appear under the management of H. H. Frazee for the next two years. Following the run of "So Much for So Much" in New York Your embers dulled make glow to and other cities, Miss Rambeau will be change of prisoners at the rate of five featured in the title part of "Miracle Mury," a new play by her husband, Willard Mack.

Jules Eckert Goodman's play, "The Silent Voice," founded on a novelette by Gouvernor Morris, goes onto the boards at the Liberty Theater in New York on December 29, with Otis Skin-

E. H. Southern and his wife, Julia Marlowe, have purchased an old mansion in Georgetown, the elite residence part of the National capital, and are being entertained. According to reports, neither intends to act again proports, neither intends to act again prop being entertained. According to reports, neither intends to act again professionally. Another well-known player who has made Washington his home is R. D. MacLean, who, with his wife, ource of relief before Winter is over. Odette Tyler, has long been recog-Odette Tyler, has long been recog-ized as a permanent fixture of the best And shelter found in cattle cave, circles of the capital city.

Apart from crowd and din.

> Night of the ages! holy night! While Victor Herbert, the composer, is grinding out melodies, his son is producing a somewhat less musical output in the Ford motor car factory In other words, Mr. Herbert's son First Christmas night of long ago, is not following in the footsteps of his distinguished father, but has gone in for the uplift of the motor industry.
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> Night to our memories dear. Children and old alike, we keep Thee dearest of the year. SARAH A. BEAVEN. for the uplift of the motor industry. Mr. Herbert sent his offspring to Cor nell University, where he was allowed every reasonable comfort and luxury. Have you done your duty this Christ-and whence he graduated in mechan-ical engineering with honors. Imme-diately upon his return from Ithaca, and wide? diately upon his return from Ithaca, the father looked sternly at the young man and said merely, "Now hustle."

The youth forthwith packed his bags and started for Detroit. There he is making progress in the Ford works, For Europe, once prosperous, now is laid bare, and his father points proudly to the laid bare, and his father points proudly to the laid bare, and her widows and orphans call for And I wish I had drawn nearer fact that on a smaller revenue he is fact that on a smaller revenue he is our care, saving far more money than he ever And here in our home town, there's did out of his liberal allowance at college.

York's Theater, London, next week. Miss Titheradge succeeds Pauline Miss Titheradge succeeds Pauline
Chase ac "Peter Pan." Miss Chase,
who was married a short time ago,
more to you. has retired from the stage.

Christmas in the Trenches By Denn Collins.

Softly the scraphs sang their song of And as the red and angry East was

forth across the snow.

Wearlly the Prince went forth, and low his head was bent; And frozen tears like diamonds hung and glittered on his beard;
And he went beside the trenches
where the sullen cannon leered;
And his wounded feet left bloodstains on the snow crust as he went

"Swat Me Again, Sweetheart," or "Biff Long and dark across the land the trenches cleft the snow.

And, drunk with weariness the men lay sleeping by their arms,
E'en in sleep attentive for awakening war's alarmsalong the trenches go.

Faint and far the seraphs' song fell dictory of W. G. T'Vault, the late editor, from the starry skies: appears in the Sentinel. P. J. Malone, uneasy in their sleep.

And their breath rose on the frosty air as dead men's souls arise.

And frozen tears like diamonds hung and glittered on His beard, And the Prince of Peace smiled tenderly upon them as they lay
Like foolish children that have quarreled and blundered in their play,
As he walked beside the trenches, where

the sullen cannon leered.

"Forgive them, O my Father, for they knew not what they do!"
The Prince of Peace is praying o'er
the sleepers in the morn.
"I still must wear the bloody crown—

a bayonet each thorn: They tear my old wounds open, and the blood springs forth anew!"

Sweetly still the voices of the singing seraphs blent;
But the sleepers in the trenches did not hear them as they lay, And the Prince of Peace passed by them in the dawn of Christmas

day; But they wist not of the bloodstains on the snow crust where he went. THE CRY OF THE CRUSHED. In the twinkling of an eye Thou canst change our grief to joy;

From the miry depths of want Thou canst lift us; thou canst plant eary feet on solid ground. Lord, thy praises shall resound From our lips if thou wilt hear-Lift these burdens hard to bear! All the wealth of worlds is thine (Empty coffers, hands, are minel) Cattle on a thousand hills;

Golden grain thy storehouse fills:

Air and earth and water give Food that man and beast may live. Yet, O Lord, these many years We have had but crusts and tears! Beautiful, this world of thine (Sordid poverty is mine!) Beautiful beyond compare Thy creation everywhere. Only man, whose selfish greed Recks not of his brother's need. Fills with violence the earth; Crushes out its joy and mirth

Youth and age on every side Famish for the good denied. What thou didst design for all, Some here snatched, like beasts that crawl

From their dens at dead of night, Seizing everything in sight— Orphans' cries and widows' prayers Furnish music for their lairs

Hear our supplication, Lord! Thou hast promised in thy word Ne'er to turn indifferent ear When thy little ones draw near. Now, in direct need, we call: Give us help lest worse befall. Stretch thine hand and set us free From our bonds and misery! -Marie Craig Le Gall. Salem, Or.

REMINIBLE.

Invade scant Penury's defenseless hut;

Nor, while the mansion Yuletide pleasures fill, The gift-cheered guest to want his senses shut.

If heaven to such and thee has been more kind, Some rich endowed, and o'er-abundant some. Hugh Dillman has been added to the May this glad season thee and them From God thy talent and its increase

> This Christ-time may we privilege but deem To succor need, to garment the ill-The empty larder fill: And this esteem Our holiest joy to make the wretch-ed glad.

cheerful fire; The laded tree build high in gilded hall; To feast and gifts blest matron, chil-And beauteous pendant mistletoe o'er

But it shall render gift and feast more blest. Impart sweet flavor of a deep de-To know the hungry fed, the naked And aiding these the tribute of your

-JOHN WILLIAM DANIELS. NIGHT OF THE STAR.

By smold'ring midnight fire. Night when two lowly travelers stopped

That brought a baby's cry, Pleading for life in human garb, That God for man might die.

Christmas Duty. To us who are peaceful, with plenty in The call of distress comes as never

before. many a man Who's deserving of help; you should do all you can

Charles Frohman has placed Madge Go out on the byways, you'll find some in need Titheradge in the role of "Peter Pan," in need which he will produce at his Duke of York's Theater, London, next week. Some kindly deed; some kindly deed; Get away from yourself, try what good Yes, Summer moved away today,

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, December 24, 1864. Sunday school and gift books from the American Tract Society and the Massachusetts Sunday School Society are offered for sale at Hurgren & Shind-ler's, First street, near Alder. Rev. G. heralding the morn,
On the day that mortals honor as the
day that He was born,
Full silently the Prince of Peace walked

of the Oregon Tract Society, has called the attention of our readers to books at the depositary.

Dr. J. G. Glenn can now be found at his office in Portland with a full assortment of dental materials and equipped to perform all operations in

A. B. Woodward & Co. photograph gallery proprietors, Front and Morrison streets, have announced they are now equipped to take superior car visite and plain photographs locket to life size. A. B. Wood locket to life size. A. B. Woodward, the artist, will also do oil and India

The Oregon Intelligencer, the Demo cratic sheet, has expired and the vale from the starry skies;
"Peace on earth, good will to men!"
And in the trenches deep.
The Prince beheld the fighting men paper, to be known as the Oregon Reporter.

> James St. Clair and Miss Betsy Norton, both of Portland, were married by Rev. D. Rutledge, December 22.

By the arrival of the steamer John H. Couch we learn of the death of James Birney, of Cathiamet. Mr. Bir-ney had been identified with the inter-ests of the Columbia River for more than 43 years. He came to this section with Governor Douglas, late of British Columbia, after Mr. Astor's transfer of his interest in the Northwest Fur Company.

The office of Vice-Admiral has been created in the United States Navy and the appointment of Rear-Admiral Farragut has been made to the Senate by President and immediately confirmed.

General Lee is reported to have been wounded before Petersburg. It is not believed the wound is serious.

The London Times remarks that Sher-man's march equals that of Marlbor-ough in Germany leading to the battle of Blenheim, and adds it is the most brilliant effort of modern times. Lon-don has not heard the outcome, but adds that success will raise him to the pinnacle of highest rank, or ruin will be the recompense for defeat.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, December 25, 1889. New York-Nellie Bly, the newspaper woman making a trip against time around the world, arrived at Hongkong December 23.

Patti, the sweet songstress, has told a San Francisco Examiner reporter why she bleached her hair to red. She also explained that black hair could not be dyed red—it has to be bleached. The reason, she explained, was that the Parlsian fad and demand was for a blonde Juliet, and that, while Juliet was not a blonds, she compromised on a red-head Juliet to please the Parisians. Patti did not explain why she left her eyebrows black.

Attorney C. M. Idleman has just vis-ited his partner, W. Carey Johnson, at his home in Oregon City and found him to be a very sick man. Mr. Johnson has suffered a nervous breakdown, and his recovery even now is doubtful.

John Holman and E. Bingham re turned yesterday from a hunting trip, part of which was on Sauvie's Island, where they killed 73 ducks and a goose.

Dr. Harry Garfield, of La Grande, son of Schwing Garfield, formerly a delegate to Washington, has failen helr to \$29,000 at Port Townsend. Judge Green and A. Harbaugh left Saturday for Green's Lake and re-turned yesterday with 101 ducks, among

which were 78 canvasbacks.

Sir Forbes-Robertson will be 62 years Oh let not Winter's life-congealing that George W. Curtis, the well-known

Another bridge will be erected at the foot of Madison street to connect with the Hawthorne motor line on the East Side. Superintendent George Brown has let contracts for the necessary piling in the Willamette River at the place men-tioned. The bridge from wharf line to wharf line will be 1654 feet, this being the widest place of the river along the city front.

Where Did Name Oregon Originate? SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(To the Ed-or.)—The story of Captain Pope, in The Oregonian, concerning the derivation of the name "Oregon" ar investigation. Jonathan Ca his explorations, was not within 500 miles of the Rocky Mountains, much less down the Snake and Columbia rivers. So, the premise being gone, the

tale must go with it.
Some day we may find out a true explanation of whence this beautiful name was derived, but thus far none has been brought forward which takes the question beyond the realms of speculation pure and simple. J. C. MORELAND.

MOVED AWAY. My neighbors moved away today, From the little house under the hill; And my world is strangely dull and With the place so barren and still.

They've been my neighbors so very long
That I never dreamed they would go,
But now I miss the snatches of song And the hurrying to and fro.

And I wish I had drawn nearer
To the hearts of them while they
were here,
And had seen with a vision clearer
That neighbors were meant to cheer.

I wish I had oftener spoken And oftener waved my hand, Ere the fragile bowl was broken. But my neighbors moved away today

From the little house under the hill: And my world is strangely dull and

With the place so barren and still. Summer moved away today, From valley, meadow and hill; And Winter soon will have its way And cold winds have their will.

Fair Summer has been with us so long That I scarcely dreamed she would pass; But now I miss the snatches of song,

And the bees and the tall, green

grass. here. And had seen with a vision clearer That Summer was meant to cheer.

I wish I had known the full measure Of joys this Summer held for me, But broken now her cup of pleasure, Nor filled again can ev

From valley, meadow and hill; And Winter soon will have its way, And cold winds have their will. —Mary H. Force, Hillsdate, Or.