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CHRISTMAS HAS COME AND GONE

Christmas has come and gone leaving in its flight very pleasant recollections of happy hours, and doubtless many regrets for mispent time and neglected opportunities to add to the sum of happiness they might have given to fellow mortals. Nineteen hundred years have gone into the past memories since Christ was born, to whose memory this day has been consecrated. Yet few seem to realize any more sacredness attending its observance than they do to Independence day. Christmas may now be classed with the other numerous holidays slowly passing into desuetude along with other old church festivals. Its religious significance is on the wane in Protestant countries. It is being observed more as a time for feasting, hilarity and revelry than ought to be. Its greatest practical good lies in the honored custom of making friends happy by exchange of keepsakes or souvenirs of love and esteem. In this light Christmas is a humanizing institution and deserves to be observed for that, if not for an expression of our devotional feelings. The former, however, need not absorb us from the latter. The youths soon learn the deception practiced upon them by the imposition of a mythical Santa Claus and hence they somewhat logically look upon Christmas in much the same light and query in their minds, "Is not Christmas as unreal as old Santa Claus all a hoax? And thus intuitively disregard the sanctity of the day. For Santa Claus and Christmas are always associated together."

Polygamy in Utah

Polygamist Roberts, of Utah, will find more trouble in securing a seat in congress than he did in winning the hearts of three Utah maidens.

Give us the Nicaragua canal

and a railroad to Coos Bay and Roseburg will defy the rest of Uncle Sam's domains to well, to produce a livelier place to live.

Why a large number of statesmen

favor holding out to the archipelago taken from Spain by the United States under Dewey and Merritt, is because they consider that they are their Philippines.

The girls of Chicago not wishing to be

left to "Hobson's choice" have determined to kiss Hobson, well knowing that his gallantry would compel him to return the osculatory sweetness, and that while that would be Hobson's choice, each could claim the honor.

Senator Simon is the smallest big man

in the nation. It is said he is smaller than Senator Wilson who weighs only 96 pounds. "Little Joe" may be smaller in stature, but throw him into the intellectual scales he will tilt the beam upward with a lift like a cat's tail in fly time.

The Telegram publishes a grand holiday

edition that reflects great credit for enterprise. It is superbly illustrated in the highest degree of newspaper art representing many scenes of interest in the city and state which will be of interest to the art preservative. Long live the Telegram.

The trial of Mrs. Cordelia Dotkin, of

San Francisco, for the murder of Mrs. J. F. Danning, of Dover, Del., by arsenic poison in candy, sent through the mail, is attracting much attention. The testimony thus far shows the moral rottenness of society in our great cities, where the social evil radiates out and gathers within its horrid grasp many who pose as persons of respectability.

Portland and Astor are, figuratively

speaking, pulling each other's hair to prove which is the better city and prophesying which will be the coast metropolis in the sweet bye and bye. Their senseless squabble reminds one of the story of the cats and cheese. The rooster, Seattle, will get the whole cheese, unless Portland and Astoria settle and discontinue the case before it comes to trial.

The Enterprise of Myrtle Point, hauls

over the coals the county courts, of Douglas and Coos, as being responsible for the horrible condition of the roads between Roseburg and that city, and sharply criticizes the eastern mail contractors who want good roads built for their use, so that they can keep somewhere near even on their ridiculously low contracts for carrying the mail. If our Oregon roads do not suit the eastern contractors let them fix them or educate the voters up to the required standard.

The enthusiastic demonstration tendered

Lieutenant Hobson at San Francisco last Saturday, indicates plainly that the age of hero worship has not passed. Lieutenant Hobson is doubtless a hero and entitled to the highest praise for his daring in his memorable act in common with his comrades in sinking the Merimac at the entrance to Santiago bay, but not more than thousands of others who could have and did manifest heroism during the war, who less fortunate, now sleep in their lonely graves on Cuban soil, not unwept but "unhonored and unung."

The Portland, Tacoma and Astoria

war still goes vigorously on in the newspapers of the respective towns. Yesterday's Oregonian extends compliments of the reason as follows:

"In the six days ending last night, Portland cleared over 1,000,000 bushels of wheat for Europe. The figures in detail, indicate that the wheat-producers of the Northwest know pretty well, where their wheat can be marketed to the best advantage. As the shipments are the largest on record for a similar period, they also demonstrate that the Astoria and Tacoma stories about Portland's loss of prestige as a wheat center are just plain, ordinary lies."

NEW WORLD ENERGY.

The Nation of Shopkeepers Astonishes Europe.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is no exaggeration to assert that the foremost topic compelling attention in Europe in general and in Great Britain in particular, overshadowing the dreary trolleys of domestic politics, is the remarkable aggressive commercial prosperity which the United States is manifesting. Hardly a newspaper review or a public speaker during the past month has failed to notice with what giant strides America is coming into the first place in the alignment of the powers. It is certainly the chief subject of conversation on Lombard street and on the Continental bourses.

The manager of one of the greatest London banks recently drew an American business man into his private office, and said, in an awe-struck tone: "This is the first time in the history of finance that New York has been in a position to dictate money rates to London, Berlin and Paris." The bank manager added that London's purchases of American securities were a feather's weight compared with the balance of trade in New York's favor.

James Brice, in a speech before the Leicester chamber of commerce, sounded a warning to British manufacturers. He emphasized the fact that the exports of the United States and Germany had increased \$34,000,000 and \$21,000,000, respectively between 1891 and 1897, while Great Britain's decreased \$15,000,000. He further pointed out that the business of the United States was developing along many important lines which Great Britain, he added, should have held against all competitors. Mr. Brice unhesitatingly asserted that the United States could produce rails cheaper than Great Britain, and he said he saw no possibility of opening new markets except in China.

Great Britain seems to have become reconciled to the capture of the iron markets by the United States. American firms are uniformly successful in bidding against British firms. The Carnegie company and the Illinois Steel Company have opened extensive offices in London and are making inroads upon the British reserve. Colonel Hunsaker, the Carnegie representative, has contracted for 30,000 tons of plates for the Coolgardie road, Australia, and the company was unable to undertake the contract for 30,000 tons more.

A dispatch from Berlin says it is a fact that the Russian government has ordered 80,000 tons of American rails, and the prospect of American competition for the contracts in connection with Russia's extensive railroads, alarms manufacturers here and elsewhere. Consuls assert all Europe is swarming as never before, with the agents of American manufacturers of steel, street railroads, electrical apparatus and all kinds of machinery, who are leading the commercial invasion.

The attempt to float a Russian loan in New York has been received skeptically here. Several financiers have told representatives of the Associated Press that Russia tried to raise money in London, Paris, Berlin and Amsterdam, and that she seems to have turned to the United States as a forlorn hope, possibly with the view of reaping incidental political advantages. But, it is admitted that it is a question of a short time when capitalist will have to reckon with New York as a competitor in high finance. The Daily Chronicle comments upon the fact that American capitalists, "have the courage of their financial opinions if they think they know the European situation better than the capitalists of the Old World."

There is much interest here regarding the choice of a successor of Ethan Allen Hitchcock as ambassador at St. Petersburg. It is considered that the post demands the presence of the strongest diplomat in view of the entrance of the United States into the East. Russia has sent one of her ablest men to Washington, though a transfer from Washington to Constantinople or Madrid has hitherto been considered in the service as being a promotion. Russia expects President McKinley to reciprocate. Mr. Hitchcock carries home with him the conviction that Russia is still a staunch friend of America, which he has endeavored to impress upon the state department at Washington and on all influential Americans he has met abroad.

The Oregon Road Club has prepared a number of very important bills pertaining to the control of road work in the state, that will be presented at the coming session of the legislature in January. Copies of these bills will be mailed at once to Governor Lord, Governor-elect T. T. Geer, president of the senate, speaker of the house, and the individual members of the road committees of the house and senate. It is the hope of the Road Club that no serious opposition will be encountered in the legislature which will prevent these bills from becoming a part of the laws of this state.

NO CHANGES OF MAP

Uncle Sam Will Protect the Geography of the Pacific

EUROPE MUST KEEP HANDS OFF

Placing of Heavy Warships at Those Stations, as Has Been Ordered.

New York, Dec. 21.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The importance of American interests in the Pacific ocean, which has been so notably increased by Dewey's victory at Manila and the assumption by the United States of augmented responsibilities in consequence, has received significant recognition from the navy department in the issuance of orders to carry out plans which have been carefully matured in the last few weeks, with a view to maintaining absolutely the political geography of that vast ocean as it exists at the present time and to prevent any further accretions of territory by European powers in the tracks of American commerce or along the lines of communication between the United States and its most distant possessions.

Perhaps the official action of greatest importance relates to the dispatch of the auxiliary cruiser Yosemite about January 1, from Norfolk to the Ladrones islands, via the Suez canal. Commander George E. Ide, of the Yosemite, will sail until orders to hold his vessel at Guam as a station ship, and while there to be constantly prepared to protect the island of Guam against any unfriendly incursion. The seizure of this island during the war and its acquisition by the United States may prove to be United States may prove to be the result of result of remarkable far-sightedness on the part of the naval advisers of the president, as it practically commands the Caroline archipelago, by being within a few hundred miles of the extreme islets of that group.

The strategic value of the Yosemite's station at Guam is therefore manifest, and is calculated to prevent any change or sovereignty over the Caroline islands without the cordial consent of the United States, especially as Dewey's squadron at Manila will be rather augmented than reduced in strength in the course of a few weeks.

Another important order which has been issued provides for loading the collier Abrenda at Norfolk with the best quality of coal and for the departure of that vessel about January 1, for Samoa via the Straits of Magellan, a voyage of over 10,000 nautical miles.

The Abrenda will lie in the harbor of Pango-Pango, which is owned by the United States, doing duty as a station ship, until the arrival there next spring of the contractors and material for the coal-gathering establishment to be erected by this government at a cost of \$100,000.

The Abrenda will be armed and fully able to give a good account of herself if the serenity of the Samoan group is too severely strained by German interference. She will be only 2000 miles from Honolulu, where the Oregon and Iowa are to rendezvous, and these battle-ships can join her at any time with the certainty of securing coal for a return voyage from her bunkers. The lack of coal at Samoa has hitherto been the chief objection to sending high-powered war vessels there to protect American interests.

Another order bearing on the situation in the Pacific has been prepared to be sent to the special squadron when it arrives at Callao, directing the distilling ship Iris to proceed directly to Manila. Before starting on this voyage she will take a full complement of fuel from the other colliers of the squadron, enabling them to hurry on to San Francisco with the loads, while the Oregon and the Celtic continue their voyage to Honolulu.

Before the end of January the Hawaiian islands will become a strong base of naval strength, and in conjunction with the effective forces at Manila and San Francisco will effectually command the entire Pacific ocean.

Salisbury by Mr. Henry White, charge d'affaires of this government in London. It is the understanding of those who are aware of the change in the attitude of the British government that Lord Salisbury will suggest through Sir Julian the advisability of the United States granting some concessions to his government in return for the relinquishment of the important rights possessed by Great Britain in the matter of a canal across the isthmus, which for nearly 50 years have been recognized by this government in treaty negotiated by John M. Clayton, on the part of the United States and Lord Henry Lytton-Bulwer, on the part of the British government. Just what concessions will be asked are not known, nor will they be until fuller final instructions have been received by Sir Julian and communicated to Secretary Hay.

New Dawson City Grows.

DENVER, Dec. 21.—The latest reports from Dawson City, the new mining camp in the Greenhorn mountains, near Canyon City indicate that the rich gold ore found on the Copper King claim by Dawson brothers, came from a small pocket. Experts are of the opinion that a copper mine may be opened on the claim, but do not expect a gold bonanza will be found there. However, other discoveries of free gold in the neighborhood are reported, and the town is growing rapidly.

Roseburg Takes the Lead.

Bert Benjamin, who is now traveling in the South writes from Athens, Tenn.: "I suppose you have read much about the big Peace Jubilee at Atlanta. I saw it all. In my judgment it didn't amount to much, but the natives were simply wild over it. McKinley, Wheeler, Hobson, Shafter, Day, Gage, The Misses Wheeler and Mrs. McKinley graced the occasion with their presence. I saw them all and yelled until I was hoarse. McKinley is a grand looking old man. Lieut. Hobson is a mighty brainy looking young fellow, and shared the honors of the day with the president. But General Joe Wheeler was the one who caused the biggest furor. The little general rode at the head of all that was left of his old troop of cavalry. The people went wild.

"Do you remember the triumphal arch that was erected in Roseburg, when the Soldier's Home was dedicated? It was a lovely piece of work, wasn't it? Well, the big arch in Atlanta wasn't half as good, honestly now I am not joking, but the Atlanta natives thought it something wonderful."

Obituary.

Jane C. Nelson was born in Gilford county, North Carolina, June 17, 1816, was married to Wm. D. Metcree, November 3, 1831. Moved to Ray county, Mo., 1832, where they resided until 1864, when they removed to Douglas county, Oregon, and settled on a farm near Oakland, where they resided until his death in 1877, and since that time she has made her home with her two sons A. E. and D. A., and with the latter the last 17 years of her life. She was the mother of ten children, five of whom survive her. They are: Mrs. Wm. Shotwell, of Ray county, Mo.; Mrs. H. Black, of Coos county, Or.; Wm. D. Metcree, of Tacoma, Wash.; A. E. Metcree, of San Francisco and G. A. Metcree, of Roseburg, Or. It is needless to say she was a kind and loving mother and neighbor, which every one will testify who was ever in her company. Her life the last few months was one of pain and suffering though she never murmured or complained.

She had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for a period of about 62 years. Her counsel was always of the very best.

Her dying words were: "Do not grieve after me for I am going home, I am almost there, praise the Lord."

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Richardson, of Eugene, at the Baptist Church in Oakland after which her remains were laid beside those of her husband, in the Masonic cemetery, witnessed by many of her old time friends and neighbors.

So we say, Mother, farewell, our loss is your eternal gain.

C. A. M.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted us in caring for our dear mother, in her late sickness and death.

MR. AND MRS. C. A. METCREE.

Three times and out: lucky if it proves true this time. Friday the freight train just with a mishap near Medford, wrecking several cars. Saturday, near Glendale, three freight cars were derailed and ditched, and Sunday, near Winchester, freight No. 29 pulled in two, the air brake stopped that part attached to the engine and the rear part crashed into the forward part, badly crippling several cars. Mr. R. C. Blair, brakeman, was thrown from the upper part of the caboose and sprained and burned his ankle.

A special meeting of Oak Woodmen of World will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 8:30 p. m., for the purpose of initiating candidates whose certificates arrive before that date. All applicants holding such certificates will save \$1.00 by being on hand at this meeting to be initiated. Members of the team are specially requested to be on hand.

H. M. WEAVER,
Grand Commander.

Southern Mills Shut Down.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—The Augusta and Enterprise cotton factories, of this city, closed down indefinitely this afternoon, adding about 3000 more to the unemployed of the city. Five weeks ago the Southern Manufacturers' Association reduced the wages of the mill operatives. Those of the King and Sibley mills, in this city, and the Langley and in South Carolina, refused to accept the cut. The employees of the Augusta and Enterprise returned to work at the reduced scale. Because of an agreement entered into by the Southern Manufacturers' Association the first-named mills were compelled to close down in order to force the striking operatives in the other mills to return to work. There are in the neighborhood of 6000 people in and around this city out of employment because of the shutting down of the mills.

Miners Willing to Make Concession.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 21.—A special to the Dispatch from Mansfield, Ohio, says: M. D. Hatchford, before leaving here for the mine's headquarters at Indianapolis said, regarding the Jones anti-strike mine law: "At our next convention we are going to make a stand for the ruin of mine systems for all the states represented. We are ready to make concessions to secure this change, and we feel certain that the operators are anxious for it, particularly if it is made a national affair."

Oregon Notes.

J. H. Upton, of Haddon, is yet prostrated and helpless with paralysis, but is improving very slowly.

Columbia county is less than \$25,000 in debt and so considers itself well off, in comparison with some other counties. Fifteen votes were cast in the Waterloo election, resulting in the choice of Joseph Melner by an overwhelming majority for mayor.

The Corvallis school directors and parents are worrying because the school-rooms are not sufficient for the increasing number of children.

Canyon City will not have a public Christmas tree this year, as there is no place to have one. This has not happened for many a year in that town.

The oldest hopper in Polk county is owned by C. P. Wells, and is situated 3 1/2 miles northeast of Buena Vista. It was set out 27 years ago next February by Mr. Wells' father, G. A. Wells, and contains 15 acres.

J. H. Bowerman, of Newberg, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis in the right arm and leg last Wednesday. It was not very serious at first, but on account of his age it is feared that he will not permanently recover from the effects of it.

From Dallas has been shipped this season 14 carloads of prunes, or 220 tons of prunes and 37 carloads, or 262 bales, of hops. As a result, a large amount of outside money has been brought in and distributed among several thousand people.

C. Lovegren, a Kyeer, Columbia county, farmer, has some 500 prune trees on his place, and has just recently put out 400 more. He has a drier and does not have to give half to get them dried, so that all his home work is turned into cash. Besides, he milks quite a number of cows and has a cream separator.

The Oregon Wood Company, of St. Helens, closed a contract this week with the O. R. & N. Co. for 5000 cords of wood to be delivered on barges here. It is said the wood is for use by that company's boats on the Snake river. Columbia county has never before enjoyed the demand for cordwood that is being experienced at that time.

Another carload of household goods, farm implements and stock arrived from Nebraska last Saturday for the new residents of Bohemian valley, says the Sandpoint News. There were five head of fine horses in the car. There are now 62 of these people here, and they have all arrived within the past six months. There are several more families ready to come as soon as they can dispose of their interests in the East.

Notice.

All persons having claims against the Roseburg Building and Loan Association are hereby notified to present them at the January meeting of the Association, January 9, 1899.

HUBBARD MARKS,
Sec'y.

DIED.

MOORE—At his home near Oak Grove, on Saturday, December 23, 1898, Lawrence Moore, aged 27 years.

Oh, How Thankful

Pain Was Maddening and Hope Had Been Abandoned—Wonderful Results of Purifying the Blood.

"A very severe pain came in my left knee, which grew worse and worse, and finally a sore broke out above the knee. It discharged a great deal and the pain from my thigh down was maddening. Large, hard, purple spots appeared on my leg. I suffered in this way for years, and gave up all hope of ever being cured. My wife was reading of a case like mine cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and she advised me to try it. I began taking it and when I had used a few bottles I found relief from my suffering. Oh, how thankful I am for this relief! I am stronger than I have ever been in my life. I am in the best of health, have a good appetite and am a new man altogether. J. P. MOORE, Linton Falls, Maine.

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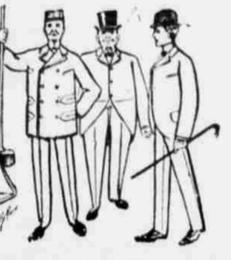
Old Santa Claus

has left with us one of the largest stocks of holiday goods ever before seen in this city. Toys, candy and nuts, rocking horses, dolls, drums, steam trains for boys. Valuable presents will be

TOYS

given away to the boys and to the girls, also the men and women here on Christmas Eve. Come one, come all, both great and small, and give us a call, and see our presents, and see things all at

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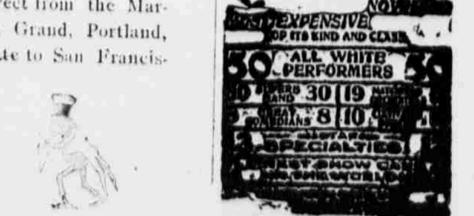


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