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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE.

ACROSS the English channel, where the Gauls and the Franks and the Northmen observed the stern rites of the severe religion of a strong-hearted race, trees formed an important part in the festal observances of the feast days. The pine tree—ever in all ages an object of deserved admiration—was greatly revered by the northern folk. At the time of the midwinter celebration the Northmen hung gifts upon the tree for their gods. As is readily seen, when the early fathers of the church came to this fierce people with their message of peace, it was easy to change the idea of gifts proffered to heathen deities into a custom where offerings were made to the Christian God.

Thus from such humble beginnings began the cherished customs which are our heritage of today. Gift giving on the birthday of Christ may be logically traced to that observance prevalent in the middle ages of having Christmas boxes, wherein offerings were placed for the priests. Christmas boxes gradually became an institution of Christian families as well.

Hanging up the stockings on Christmas eve, as the institution of good Saint Nicholas, old Santa Claus, is of purely Christian origin and started in Germany many hundred years ago. It has become one of the most cherished of the Christmas customs of the civilized world.—National Monthly.

IDEALISM.

THE provisions of Joseph Pulitzer's will call attention to the moral idealism which the great journalist must have felt underlying the wide and diversified practicality of his career.

His will provides for a yearly prize of \$1,000 for the work of fiction which "shall best present the wholesome atmosphere of American life and the highest standard of American manners and manhood." An annual prize of \$1,000 is also offered for the play "which shall best represent the educational value and power of the stage, by raising the standard of good morals, good taste and good manners." The biography reward and the prize for newspaper reporting are granted under conditions showing a similar regard for that which is of ideal and permanent value in human life.

The incident recalls corresponding signs of idealism in other great philanthropists. It is encouraging to observe that a man may accumulate wealth and attain personal ambitions and still keep the fundamental spirit of idealism and faith in humanity which seem to be a part of every normally constructed human being.

A MOTHERS' PENSION LAW.

A NEW law that has just gone into effect in Illinois provides a pension for mothers and although in operation but a short time has alleviated much distress.

The mothers' pension law was adopted to aid mothers unable to support their children but who are supported by guardians. The county has been paying \$10 monthly to industrial schools for each child sent there. Now the county pays the cost instead of the school and the children will have the added benefits of home influences.

The maximum the county can pay a child per month is \$10. The city

circumstances of each family are thoroughly investigated by probation officers. Families partially supported by older children receive proportionately less assistance. While at first glance the law may seem socialistic, who cares as long as it benefits suffering and unfortunate women? The more of this kind of socialism the better.

KANSAS' SUCCESSFUL METHOD TO PROTECT THE INVESTOR IN ENTERPRISES.

THE national congress on irrigation that was recently held in Chicago, brought out plenty of good ideas. It may, however, be questioned whether any will eventually be in more of monetary advantage to the public than the attack of James A. Frear, secretary of state for Wisconsin, on fraudulent land schemes.

Mr. Frear stated that they drive capital and settlers away from states that need them. He is not quoted as having indicated a remedy, but Kansas, some years ago, started a crusade against swindlers through fraudulent investments that has saved the state millions of dollars and shows what can be done in similar fields of investment.

J. N. Dolley, the state's commissioner of banks, believed that the state should protect its citizens against loss through investments in worthless securities. He found that over \$4,000,000 had been taken from the Kansas alone by building, investment, land, mining, oil, rubber and wireless telegraph companies, and become an absolute loss. Not only was the money lost to the swindled investors, but the development and support of Kansas interests were hurt.

Mr. Dolley informed the people that he would advise intending investors whether the investment would be a good one and whether there would be any chance of recovering the money if it were wanted again. He subscribed to the large mercantile agencies. When he received a request for information, he secured a report on the company, took up the matter with the company itself and wrote to the people whom it named as responsible authorities on its rating.

Legitimate companies gladly came into the limelight of publicity. Illegitimate concerns feared it and quit Kansas. The commissioner got a fair line on each project. If he considered it honest and investment advisable he told the inquirers so. If he decided otherwise he discontinued investment.

The scheme worked to perfection. The last legislature enacted the Dolley bill for the filling of financial statements by individuals, firms and corporations with the banking department and the securing of permission from the commissioners to sell securities in Kansas.

The law took effect about six months ago, and dealers in gold bricks, and blue skies began to quit at once.

When an investing agent approaches a Kansas investor the first thing the agent has to do is show his permit.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN COLORADO

THE sex instinct will always make woman less responsible than man, even when her responsibility under the law is as great as his. Colorado conferred full legal equality upon women half a generation ago. There, for years, she has been on a footing of full equality. She has voted for everything from president down. But the other day a jury composed wholly of men, a fact which the able attorneys for the defense looked after very carefully during the impaneling, acquitted a young woman charged with killing her husband. There is something in this which runs deeper than all statutes and strikes its roots in depths of masculine nature which we can discern but not discuss. We may give woman every power a man has and still not hold her to a man's responsibilities. She may, as evil prophets say she will, mar and debase herself in the chasms of politics. She may dash herself to pieces against rock shores unmarked by any lighthouse but there will still be that subtle something about her sex expressed in the lines:

You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will, But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.

"Shop early and save much pain," advises a contemporary. Certainly you can't expect to save much money.

NOTICE TO MOOSE.

All members of the Loyal Order of Moose are requested to meet at the Odd Fellows hall at 1 o'clock sharp, Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of brother A. M. Ross. CHAS. I. REIGARD, Dictator.

Have your calling cards printed at the Times' office.

Local Overflow

Report Cases.—There have been a number of responses to the appeal of the "Good Fellows" in The Times for charity cases where they might spread a little Christmas cheer. These cases will be looked after.

Game Tonight.—The North Bend and Marshfield High school basketball teams will play at the Marshfield Tabernacle this evening. It is expected the game will be one of the best of the season. A large number of rooters will accompany the North Bend team.

Injured Leg.—Marshal Carter returned today noon from Coquille where he has been as a witness in the Garrison murder case. In the darkness there last evening, he stepped off the walk and severely injured his leg, causing him to limp considerably.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

E. S. Bargett New Worshipful Master of Blanco Lodge. At the annual election of Blanco Lodge No. 48, A. P. & A. M., last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worshipful master—E. S. Bargett. Senior warden—L. A. Whereat. Junior warden—Carl W. Evertson. Treasurer—Richard Walter. Secretary—Noris Jensen.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Breakwater will sail at 11 o'clock Saturday morning for Portland.

The Brooklyn came in yesterday from San Francisco and is taking on a cargo at the Porter Mill.

The Daisy Freeman will finish loading today at Porter Mill and will sail tomorrow for San Pedro.

The Wilhelmina arrived in from the north today with a cargo of salmon for reshipment on the Breakwater.

The Nann Smith will arrive in early tomorrow morning with a big consignment of Christmas freight and express from San Francisco.

The Alice H made a trip to Allegany yesterday in place of the Alert, the latter is being equipped with new grades so that she can burn coal instead of wood. The change was perfected and the Alert goes back on the run today.

Capt. Peter Olson expects to have his new seagoing gasoline launch ready for service in about two weeks. The boat is being built at North Bend and has been christened the "Rustler." Agent Louis Keating of the Breakwater having suggested the name as a good one for the new craft. The boat will ply between Coos Bay, Port Orford and Gold Beach most of the time.

WILL TAKE EXAM.

Coos County Officers of Naval Militia to Take Test.

The Oregonian says: "Officers of the Oregon Naval Militia will be required to take an examination vouching upon their moral, physical and intellectual capacities in his office in the Gerlinger building, January 15, Adjutant-General Finzer announced in a general order. This is in accordance with an act creating the Oregon Naval Militia, passed by the legislature at its last session. Should an officer fail to pass he will be reduced in rank. Traveling expenses necessarily incurred by those who must take the examination will be borne by the state.

Those on the examining board include Colonel James Jackson, Inspector-general, Oregon National Guard; Commander A. H. Robinson, U.S.N., and Lieutenant W. H. Toaz, U.S.N. Among the Coos county officers ordered for examination are: Captain Edgar M. Simpson, Lester P. Sorenson and Thomas J. Maegenn, senior grade, Lieutenant Thayer Grienes, junior grade; Ensign Arthur L. Hanchard, Jay Clary and Karl L. Haines.

THE WORLD'S COAL SUPPLY.

IT IS true that the coal of Great Britain, Germany, France and the other long settled European countries has been estimated as to its amount and reasonable guesses of the length of time it will last may be hazarded, but such vast regions as Russia, both in Europe and Asia, Tartary, China and India, are without doubt rich in coal, while Africa is wholly unknown, but must have enormous coal fields, as has also South America. Alaska and Canada are both known to be richly endowed, and as for the United States, this republic leads the world.

Therefore, all gloomy forebodings that the day will come when all the fuel of every sort shall be exhausted and the inhabitants of our globe will perish by freezing is still remote. Astronomers have also figured on a time when our great celestial source of light and heat, the sun, will have burned itself out until only a black and hideous cinder shall be left, and, of course, the inhabitants of our planet will long before that have perished of cold and starvation.

An English specialist advertises a guaranteed cure for blushing. After people have lived in Portland for a while they don't need anything like that.

The Red Cross The Real Christmas Presents IF THERE IS ANYONE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN, IF THERE IS SOME REMEMBRANCE THAT YOU HAVE POSTPONED, REMEMBER OUR LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT IS CERTAIN TO OFFER A SUGGESTION. WHEN IT COMES FROM THE RED CROSS IT IS REALLY WORTH WHILE. BOOKS — JEWELRY — BRASS GOODS — JEWEL BOXES — MIRRORS — TOILET ACCESSORIES — FANCY CHINA — PERFUMERY. IN FACT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT YOUR FRIEND MIGHT WISH FOR CHRISTMAS. A PRESENT THAT IS PRACTICAL, USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL. The Red Cross Drug Store

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA I WANT YOU, LITTLE WOMAN.

I want you, little woman, when the blue is growing dark, And the building shadows stretch themselves across the City Park. When the sturdy Day is weary and goes away to rest With his forehead on the bosom of the Evening in the West.

I want you, little woman, when I wander sadly down To the sea-wall at the Battery—the Birthplace of the Town; Where the white waves and the warships in a dreary monotone Murmur: "Where is she, thy Lady, why walk you here alone?"

I want you, little woman, when the city lamps are lit And I see a happy couple where we were wont to sit, And I lock my love within me and I wander home to sleep— Where a man may play at childhood and the dear God lets him weep. —Frank Butler.

The average investigation finds out so little that we wonder that any one dreads it.

A woman may sometimes love a man who blacks her eyes, but she can never respect him as she should.

The fact that all men who do things have enemies need not be taken as an indication that an enemy is an asset.

Speaking of the servant girl problem, we contend that a man who can't keep a cook by marrying her, should board.

Any man hates to acknowledge cold feet, although there are times when they are an asset in keeping out of trouble.

Although there is never any scarcity of candidates, listen closely and you can always hear that public officials are underpaid.

A love affair can end two ways: In one the letters and pictures are burned. In the other the letters and pictures are forgotten.

Lots of people are nearly as smart as John D. Rockefeller, the world's richest man; but the little difference makes a big difference.

When a man talks about himself good deal he is bound to be a bore to every one in the world unless he happens to have a woman in love with him.

The war with Turkey has already cost the Italians \$200,000,000. And not a peanut stand doing business in Tripoli yet!

WILLIE'S IDEA OF IT.

When I get done with breakfast I just go right out and play And root around and malk mud ples and have great fun awl day, And get my face all dirtied up and get my hands awl black, And then when I get hungry why I come a sliding back, And paw he never bats an eye when I come edging in, But maw s'he grabs me with a yell and most wears off my skin; She scrubs my fingers and my ears till I am weak and pale, Fer the female of the speeshus is more deadly than the male.

I've got a smear of re'atives, awl aunts and uncles, too, And when they come to visit us it malks me nig'ty blew, The uncles I don't mind at awl; there nice as they ken be, But say, you ought to see the things those darned ants do to me, I haf to sit in each one's lap and let her hug me tight, And then they start to kissing me, and say, it is a fright, And when I see an ant you bet I up and hit the trail, For the female of the speeshus is more deadly than the male.



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PAPA'S PART. Mother is in desperation, And so is sister Sue, For Christmas celebration Buying the presents due; Ann is a frazzled maiden Exhausted by shopping frays; Tom, with his arms o'erladen, Hangs to the strap and sways, Lurching—his bundles (bother!) Around the car he spills, Everybody works but father, He simply pays the bill! —Lester Lestaire.

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