

You don't have to preach honesty to men with a creative purpose. Let a human being throw the energies of his soul into the making of something and the instinct of workmanship will take care of his honesty. The writers who have nothing to say are the ones you can buy; the others have too high a price. A genuine craftsman will not adulterate his product. The reason isn't because duty says he shouldn't, but because passion says he couldn't. —Walter Lippman.

The Best Age for Christmas

BEFORE memories of last night's fireside happiness shall fade into the splendid light of this beautiful Christmas day, to the accompaniment of young America's Christmas horn, echoing with the merry laughter of little children (for whom this wonderful day is preserved against the cynicism and faithlessness of the egeneration) let us join with truer philosophers in wondering: "What is the best age for Christmas?"

Verily, there are as many answers as there are ages. It is, mayhap, that lovely day when one is four or five or six; when Santa Claus and his charges are brave realities to charm the mind and fill the heart of childhood with a joy past understanding; when we take small account of the sizes of chimneys and believe implicitly, because we have faith and because it is so easy to believe when one is four or five or six.

Or, it may be, the Christmas age is when one is seven or eight or nine and Santa Claus has been reluctantly turned aside as one more of the myths with which the imagination of childhood years is flamed. Years when father and mother are most certainly the symbols and characters of the divinity that sanctifies childhood.

Yet the Christmas age might equally well be when one is ten or eleven or twelve, and dolls and drums have served their merry purposes and there are graver things in life; when we're coming into a bit of realization of the love that gladdens and glorifies the happy Christmas season.

However, if that isn't quite the right age, it, after all, may be found somewhere in the buoyant teens—careless, headstrong days—when comes understanding, at last, that Christmas is a saintly day; when out of a cascade of youth there shall be taken time and thought for truest, finest things.

Naturally, now that it suggests itself, one really may not come to Christmas age until 20 years or more have been marked upon the scroll and one can take a fuller measured part in the giving and receiving—knowing for once the blessing that may go with a token.

Nor will we think of insisting that at 30 or beyond to 40 or from there to 50 is either too young or too old for Christmas, for it is much in how you look at it—and from where; whether you're five or fifty.

So, too, it's all the way you look at it, when we make bold to suggest that the best age for Christmas is that exact and thenceforth lasting age at which we may sit back contented, soothed by the memories of those other Christmas ages, and enjoy to the utmost the pleasure that others get from the Christmas our means and our love and our knowledge of the richness, the happiness and the beauty of life give to them. That's the Christmas age, no matter how many years it be. It is the age of the golden rule, of peace and a great, good will.

The Biggest Fight

EUROPE has regained the ground actually lost in the total consumption of sugar during the world war; though in one period, 1918-19, the peoples over there were using only a little over half the tonnage they consumed in 1913-14.

They have in fact now definitely passed the pre-war consumption of about 7,700,000 tons.

But they have not yet made the per capita increase of consumption of the rest of the world. But the growth of consumption for September and October, if kept up, will bring the countries of Europe to the rest of the world in average gain; will show an annual consumption of 10,000,000 tons.

The consumption in the United States will be about 7,000,000 tons, much higher per capita than Europe's; but this has held ever since sugar came into general use. The world consumption will next year be about 27,000,000 tons.

We are to see in the next few months a great effort to secure better tariff protection for the sugar industry of this country, with a view to its large expansion in the (continental) United States. There are two sets of demands on the part of the growers of sugar cane and sugar beets—

One that the rates of duty on sugar be increased and the free importation of Porto Rican, Philippine and Hawaiian sugar be restricted; the other that an adequate protective tariff rate be charged on sugar from any country, including our own insular possessions. These demands do not mention though they no doubt infer the abolition of the 20 percent preferential that is being allowed Cuban sugar, which is by far the greatest stumbling block in the way of the expansion of the sugar industry of the United States.

Cuba is looking out for her own interests, for which she cannot be blamed. That country ships 230,000,000 gallons of molasses yearly to the United States, from which are manufactured 60,000,000 gallons of alcohol. That country now proposes to put an export duty on this molasses, in order to keep it and have it made into alcohol in her own country; taking the place of gasoline, etc., for motors and general power purposes.

There are many interests tied up with the sugar industry of this country—

So many and so far reaching that this part of the fight over the tariff bill that is to be prepared by congress will without doubt be the hottest and greatest of the whole battle that is being staged.

A Child's Gifts

THE child whose purchases of Christmas gifts are contented for himself seems somehow to manifest just about the best Christmas spirit of all. Here is no frantic effort to match in volume or value the gifts that may be received or any consciousness of keeping up with any example in the scope of quality of giving. The child may usually be depended upon to buy for those to whom he gives, within his limitations, what he most desires to possess for himself. He actually seems to probe his own heart to discover what would most gladden other hearts. The fact that our young friend may bestow upon us a noisy trumpet or a rosy jimcrack does not lessen the intensity of his desire to reach our hearts, and should not lessen our honest appreciation.

Kellygrams

BY FRED C. KELLY

ONE of the big oil companies with gasoline filling stations in various cities has discovered that it can sell more gas on the right-hand side of a leading highway as you go FROM a city. In most places, if filling stations are on opposite sides of a street, the one on the right-hand out-going side may be expected to do perhaps twice as much business as the other—so I am assured by the manager of a chain of these stations.

The reason is simple! Automobile owners naturally do most of their driving in early forenoon and late afternoon. They would buy gasoline either on the way to their places of business or on the return trip homeward. But they don't stop to buy in the morning because they're in too big a hurry. Most people overlook, have to eat a hasty breakfast and proceed as rapidly as possible to their offices, arriving just in the nick of time. Not having bought gasoline in the morning, and knowing that they may be driving after dinner, they stop to buy on the way home. Of course they prefer a station on the same side of the street.

Because of this human habit of putting things off, and not buying in the morning what can be delayed until afternoon, more gasoline is sold between 4:30 and 6 p. m. than during all the rest of the day.

The Pleasure of Giving

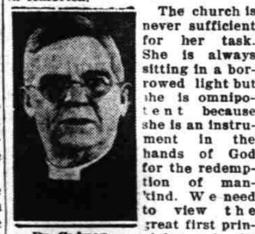


Who's Who and Timely Views

Denominational Barriers Seen to Be Weakening
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THE church is taking a new day and I rejoice that denominational barriers are weakening. I hope to live to see the day of a united Protestantism in America.



Dr. Cadman
gospel of the Son of God with new light.

We have come to the door of a new day. Christian thinking needs to be deep, broad and expansive. The center of Christian life is not a creed or a book but a life. Jesus Christ stands alone. Next to him are the prophets of ancient Israel.

I fear the American people may forget the democracy and think that democracy means merely a majority vote. The majority has been wrong many times. There is a danger, always, of worshiping the state. The chief obstacle to the kingdom of God is super-nationalism.

The Christian church is pre-emi-

The One-Minute Pulpit

Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie.

Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is in it. Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?—Job, vi, 23-30.

nent because it is universal. Government is local. The most characteristic creation of God is the Christian church.

The American conscience is awakening to the dignity, importance and appeal of the church. There is no great nation without a great religion. Not government first and then religion, but faith first and government afterward. The mother of democracy is theocracy.

"My country, right or wrong" is not Christian. It is not even good paganism. The eternal truths come first. Divine laws are not for today but forever. Obedience to them alone will insure perpetuity.

The Way of the World

By GROVE PATTERSON

POLITICS is the thing that is the matter with politics is not politics, but politicians. And the thing that is the matter with politicians is that too often they are not good men. Too often they are tricky, disloyal, dishonest. It has long been said that the fundamental rule of politics is loyalty to your friends. And yet there is probably more disloyalty among politicians than among men in other lines of human endeavor. The professional politician wants most of all to win what he is after. The methods by which he wins are frequently, with him, a minor consideration. With general indifference on one side and the disposition of politicians to be tricky, on the other, the man who really wants to serve the public in an intelligent, honest and high-minded way has a nearly impassable road to travel.

IT'S NOT NEGLECT
A certain weekly newspaper, which at one time attained wide circulation, used to carry at the bottom of the first page the line: "Chronicle of neglected truth." The fact is that truth is not so much the subject of mere neglect as it is a matter of deliberate disregard. There are plenty of books, magazines and newspapers which set forth the truth, which are uncounted, thousands who have access to sound reading matter and sound information. But

we are still so much creatures of like and dislike, creatures of temperament and instinct, that we prefer avoiding the truth and living in a fools' paradise of our own. We desire to believe what we desire to believe, rather than what we should know and must know to be a fact.

STOCK AND MACHINES

More than three times as much cultivated crop land is used for growing feed for farm animals as is used for producing crops for human consumption. As more power driven machinery comes into use that situation will be changed. Driving through the country one wonders how the people are fed when there are so many thousands of acres of uncultivated land on both sides of the road. Hungry city folks can take comfort from the fact, however, that with new and improved methods and more intensive farming, the agriculturist has learned how to produce far more per acre than he used to. There is food enough. The main question now is to see that the producer gets a larger part of the high price that the consumer has to pay. Somewhere along the line the non-producer gets too much.

Every time one of these college professors comes back from Moscow and starts praising the soviet government it calls to mind how easy is used to be to fool the teacher when we want to school.



"Sax" Drives Away Thoughts of Cold!

He thought he couldn't play that night, but the cold he'd caught that morning had departed. Most professional people know what really knocks a cold in a

The Grab Bag

December 25, 1928



Who am I? Which state do I represent in the senate? Who is the other senator from my state?

What separates England from France?

What is the pen name of the Queen of Roumania?

Who was the first man to swim the English channel?

Whose rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house? Where is this passage found in the Bible?

JIMMY JAMS



Today in the Past

In 1776, on Christmas day, Washington crossed the Delaware river, preparatory to the Battle of Trenton.

Today's Horoscope

Persons born on Christmas day have the courage of their own convictions and they do much to help shape thought. They are natural teachers.

A Daily Thought

"Christians awake, salute the happy morn Whereon the Saviour of the world was born." —John Byrom.

Answers to Foregoing Questions

- 1. Hiram Johnson; California; Samuel Shortridge.
- 2. Straits of Dover.
- 3. Carmen Sylva.
- 4. Capt. Matthew Webb.
- 5. Psalms, xvii, 13.

MONMOUTH, Ore., Dec. 24.—

(Special.)—Mrs. J. S. Fuller and Mrs. T. J. Edwards entertained the Social Hour club Wednesday afternoon at the latter's home, the affair being arranged as a Christmas party. A beautifully decorated tree with an exchange of gifts, and a question-box—the latter providing both levity and practical information—were the chief features, supplemented by a delicious collation served by the hostesses.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

Merry Christmas—

And many more of them—

With happy new years to match and prosperous ones to boot.

"The next 10 years will be worth more than the past 50," is the slogan of the town of Blackfoot, Idaho. Very good. It will apply to Salem with interest and usury—

And the past 10 in Salem have been nothing to sneeze at, either, compared with any 20 that went before.

Earl Race, former city recorder, was down town long enough yesterday to say he is ready to vote for an \$3,000,000 bond issue to secure mountain water, and another million for more sewers in the interest of sanitation.

The other day, one of the Christmas relief funds got a good check, written in lead pencil, and not at all handsome for pretty—but bully for good. There was a question as to whether the check was good. It was. It would have

been good if it were written on a shingle or a board or the back of a letter. You do not have to make a pretty check to make it good. You just have to have the proper name with the money in the bank. And the right signature.

A green Christmas does not make a full graveyard in this valley, as the saying goes in eastern sections. It generally means that spring days will be with us soon.

Dinner Stories

Indignation
Senator Borah, discussing an unsatisfactory answer that had been made to a charge of corruption, smiled and said: "It reminds me of the English butler. His employer said to him: 'Heuston, I bet you've been at my Scotch.' 'Hexcuse me, sir,' said Heuston, in his haughty way. 'Hexcuse me, but I don't bet.'"

A Merry Christmas

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By Swau