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AT THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS

I.

Angels at the Christmas Time that come from far away To watch the children as they sleep and dream of Christmas Day.

II.

And witches at the Christmas Time—that's what the old folks say— That try to get the snowy clouds to hide the stars away.

III.

Just everything at Christmas Time, and, best of all, you know. The sleighbells of the Reindeer as they race across the snow.

A BEAM IN McCOURT'S EYE.

John McCourt is credited with a speech before the state bar association upon the subject of "Duties of the lawyers of the present day," in which he set forth his personal views on several current political subjects.

But people in this section would like to have something from Mr. McCourt on the subject of the duties of the United States attorney for Oregon in the matter of establishing water rights on the Umatilla Indian reservation.

Upon the Umatilla reservation are something like 1000 Indians, men, women and children. Through their reservation flows the Umatilla river, a stream which if properly utilized could double or treble the productivity of the Indian lands.

During the past year William Caldwell, a reservation renter, has been waging a fight to establish the right to use water from the river on Indian lands. It is a fight in which the Indians are much more interested than is Mr. Caldwell.

Mr. Caldwell has gone to the United States attorney for aid and he had a right to expect aid. But it has been absolutely refused. Instead of assisting in the suit Mr. McCourt virtually snubbed Mr. Caldwell, and has declared, so Mr. Caldwell says, that he will not molest the Byers right unless he has to do so.

This is the position which Mr. McCourt occupies upon this subject. It is the light in which he stood when he gave advice so freely to his fellow lawyers in Portland the other day and criticized among other things the Roosevelt prosecution of trusts.

He should look at the beam in his own eye.

LESS ATTRACTIVE.

Secretary MacVeagh's indorsement of the Aldrich banking plan has one important qualification, says the New York World. It should not, he says, permit a bank in the Central Reserve Association to hold stock in any other bank.

This might serve to make the plan more attractive to congress, but its popularity among bankers would not likely be increased. If they could not more than at present put the small institutions into the control of the large, subordinate country credit to that of two or three big cities and forge chains of banks for speculative purposes, then must the magnificent work of the Aldrich plan begin to diminish in their eyes.

Still, there will be left for consolation the elaborate machinery provided for a centralized control of American banking credit. The ambition of a few great bankers to own everything in the business might find a reasonable degree of satisfaction in this possibility of controlling everything without ownership. It is something to be looked out for in the perfecting of the plan.

KEEP THE PROMISE.

It is very proper of course for local people to agree to celebrate the laying of the corner stone of the branch hospital building. It will be an event worth celebrating.

But Pendleton can best show its appreciation of the branch asylum by doing its duty by the new institution. The chief duty of the city towards the branch asylum is to provide the institution with an abundant supply of pure water. When the branch asylum was located here local people gave assurance that a gravity water system would be forthcoming.

NOVEMBER 24 IN HISTORY.

- 1538—New Haven, Conn., purchased from the Indians.
1758—The French abandon Fort Duquesne at the approach of Gen. Forbes, Washington, and Armstrong with 9,000 men.
1804—Great Britain had 688 ships in commission in the navy.
1813—Campaign Canal declared to be navigable.
1829—New England states begin the observance of last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.
1832—South Carolina threatens to secede from the Union because her tariff laws were nullified.
1859—Adelina Patti makes her first appearance in America, in New York.
1864—Battle of Columbia, Tenn.
1869—National Woman's Suffrage convention meets at Cleveland.
1876—Sioux severely defeated by the Fourth Regiment at a pass in the Big Horn mountains.
1879—Chilans gained a great victory at Iquile, Peru.
1904—Japanese renew attack on Lone Tree Hill, south of Mukden and repulsed.
1904—Sid Edward Clarke derided title of "American" ambassador at Thanksgiving dinner in London; insisted that England was, territorially a larger American power than the United States.
1910—Crews of four Brazilian warships mutined, under the leadership of a negro sailor; three officers, several sailors killed.

THE FAMILY TREE.

When I fall down and hurt my knees my grandma says "Be brave, it isn't like a Cunningham to fret and misbehave." And when I cut my finger a-whittling on a stick, "Remember you're a Cunningham," she says, "Stop crying, quick!"

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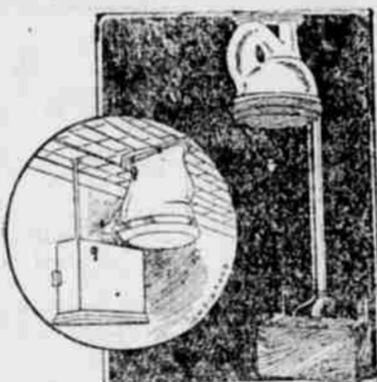
Listen to the "Man who Knows"



But, o I wish that I could be like Tom or Johnnie Brown, And not a hero's grandson and have to live it down! —Katherine Dunlap Wright.

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