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CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

Tonight will be the night before Christmas. Early in the morning will be the anniversary of the announcement of glad tidings by the angels to an expectant world. Born of a virgin, cradled in a manger, the God-man began his pilgrimage on earth. The joyous echoes of that announcement today ring down through the ages. Gathered in the various churches throughout the land, happy children enjoy the Christmas tree and benediction provided to remind them of Him who suffered on the tree, that they might have life. His command was to support and foster his church, representative on earth of His body, by free will offerings. Involuntarily the query rises whether He who scourged the money changers from the temple, can be fairly pleased with these anniversary celebrations, whose expenses have been paid by means of church fairs and various kinds of entertainments. No one doubts for a moment the intent of those who have labored until they are sick to give the children a happy Christmas, or to meet some necessary church expense. Would not the service and offering be more acceptable to Him who gave all, had the people of the churches put their hands in their pockets and freely given their mite without expectation of return.

When Astorians can vindicate their position and the standing of their city, by reserving chairs in the dining room on a Kjosdahl steamer, and can furnish one hundred reindeer drivers for the United States relief expedition they can certainly pacify themselves on the back and consider themselves fairly in the swim. Schemes and schemes have been devised by our neighbors in Oregon to advertise their resources for aiding the government relief expedition to save the Alaskan miners from starvation. Other neighbors on the Sound and south of us have also taken steps toward the same end. Astoria is better situated than any of the Pacific coast ports for the departure of these expeditions. It remained for an Astoria merchant to emphasize the fact that his city was on earth by turning up some of the Seattle chairs on the aforesaid steamer. Last night the Progressive association telegraphed Secretary Alger that we could furnish here one hundred reindeer drivers, and thus save the expense of sending to Europe for them. It only needs a little vim and push to bring our resources to the front and co-operate with the railroad company in developing the greatest natural port on the Pacific ocean.

The advance sheets of the forthcoming annual report of the interstate commerce commission are interesting in the extreme. They show that the very objects for which the commission was created can not be attained under the law in its present shape. It cannot govern future rates, nor have there been any decisions by courts or juries in contested rate cases which have been fair alike to all. The commission asks the question, how shall it enforce its own orders? Weak sisters among the railroads of the country do not maintain published rates. By United States law they are prohibited to post their rates, and by that means maintain the semblance of fair rates. The long and short haul clause is imperative. Criminal proceedings resulted in but two convictions during the year. It might be well for the father of this bill to think again, but it would be better for the people to express their determination in such unmistakable language that a bill giving the railroads the power to carry out the wishes of the people under its fair and adequate supervision, will speedily pass both houses of congress. England solved this question long ago, and the United States should do so at the present session of congress.

The articles just published by Commissioner George R. Blanchard, of the Joint Traffic Association, on the subject of railway pooling, and by Robert T. Porter on the railway problem and labor, contain food for careful thought and study on the part of every American citizen and business man. Both experts from long experience in their special departments, necessarily speak with authority.

What to do with the interstate commerce commission, the management of railway traffic, and the handling of railway employees, are subjects of greater moment to the general public than the silver question, bimetalism, or even the tariff and currency reform. Intertwined with every business proposition, with the profits and losses of every little crossroads store, is the question of the cost of transportation. The adjustment of rates means the starting or making of every manufacturing institution or business house in competitive territory. To so handle the vast army of railway employees, that they may be independent men, and share in the profits of their labor while at the same time enabling the companies employing them to keep out of the hands of a receiver, is a problem over which thousands of skilled men have grown gray. At the earliest opportunity the Astorian will publish in full the interesting articles by Messrs. Blanchard and Porter.

The old man who looks out at the world with clear and healthy eyes cannot help feeling great gratification at the thought that his children have inherited from him no weakness nor tendency to disease. The healthy old man is the man who has throughout his life kept his digestion good and his blood pure. Not one in a thousand does it. Germs go through the healthy body without effect. Let them once find lodgment or let them find a weak spot, they will develop by the million and the blood will be full of them. Instead of giving strength to the tissues it will force upon them insatiable malarial, and the man will soon feel, and the more susceptible he is to disease, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the only medicine that absolutely and infallibly cures all blood diseases, and almost all diseases are blood diseases. It isn't a medicine for some particular so-called disease. It is a medicine for the whole body. It forces out all the germs of disease, and replaces impurities with rich, red blood.

The largest mass of pure rock salt in the world lies under the province of Salina, Hungary. It is known to be 500 miles long, 20 broad, and 20 feet in thickness. Mrs. M. B. Ford, Rockville, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation, and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Rider, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. Chas. Rogers.

King Humbert of Italy is the most heavily insured man in Europe, the amount carried being over \$5,000,000. The late Czar Alexander III. was insured for \$3,000,000.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. For sale by Charles Rogers.

The remarkable echo at Eagle's Nest, on the banks of the Killarney, Ireland, repeats a bugle call 109 times, each clear and distinct.

The Oregon arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning. It was reported last night that the Ocean Wave had safely arrived on the Sound.

The British steamship Trowal proceeded up to Portland yesterday and will load wheat for Europe.

The Omaha has started down stream with a full cargo and will anchor at Fort Stevens until ready to go to sea.

The harbor, for the first time in weeks, is empty of vessels. One or two ships are reported outside and will probably be in today.

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I like not only to be loved, but to be loved that I am loved; the realm of effluence is large enough beyond the grave.—George Eliot.

When going East travel on the Northern Pacific Railway. Quick time and the only line running dining cars. Train leaves Portland daily at 11 o'clock a. m.

When you pinch your finger you think you feel pain the very same instant, but really the hurt and the pain are not quite simultaneous, although they seem to be so. If a person had an arm long enough to reach the sun, it would be 123 years before he would feel the pain of the burn.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Flock, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The \$2 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Estes-Conn Drug Company.

We cannot exult patriotically too highly. We cannot encourage too much love of country. For as long as patriotism exists in the hearts of the American people so long will our matchless institutions be secure and permanent.—President McKinley.

Blood Humors. Whether it be itching, burning, itching, scaly, crusty, pimply, or bloody, whether simple, scrofulous, or hereditary, it is a disease, and should be cured by the use of CUTICURA. It is a non-poisonous remedy, and is the only one that cures the skin, and the blood, and the system, and restores the skin to its natural state. It is the only one that cures the skin, and the blood, and the system, and restores the skin to its natural state. It is the only one that cures the skin, and the blood, and the system, and restores the skin to its natural state.

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