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CHRISTMAS TIDE

Christmas is a holiday of beautiful associations and about which cluster pleasant and happy memories. The spirit in which it should be celebrated calls forth the best there is in the human breast—all the finer feelings there are in man's nature. Christmas calls for a closer communion between man and his Maker.

The foundation of Christmas, the giving by immortal God to mortal man His only begotten son to save sinners, is one calling for only the purest and most holy thoughts.

Christmas giving, prompted by love alone, is a pretty custom and those giving and receiving are drawn closer to one another by the tender sentiments accompanying the gifts. Giving because of a feeling of compulsion, or with a desire to outdo someone else, is not genuine Christmas giving.

In the colder climes, Christmas, or Yuletide, comes at the time of year when man is grateful for the provisions which God has given him to protect himself from the rigor of the elements. It comes at a time when friends and members of the family sit around the hearthstone of an evening and are in a mood to be drawn closer together—to be drawn into the Christmas feeling—when their minds are susceptible, and in condition to assimilate, thoughts naturally arising from the associations of the Christmas celebration.

The pretty sentiments surrounding the coming of St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, that have come down through the centuries in nursery folk-lore, and are treasured and cherished by the children of each succeeding generation, have developed a childish faith in Kris Kringle that borders on the ethereal. Nothing is more beautiful to lovers of children than the innocent, guileless, childish belief in, and eagerness to hear, the legendary history of the annual flight of Santa Claus and his reindeer tandem through the air, his seemingly impossible descent of the chimney and his unerring judgment in stopping only at the homes of good little boys and girls.

The Christmas tree, in northern climes one of the most beautiful of nature's products, is peculiarly fitted for use in the celebration of the birth of the Savior. Its evergreen nature is symbolic of the everliving Christ. Its symmetry of form is symbolic of the moral and physical perfectness of the Redeemer. The gifts placed upon it are coincident with the gifts of those wise men to the lonely babe in the manger and of the later sacrifice of the Savior upon the tree.

All in all, Christmas is a great religious holy day and as men benefitted by the coming of the Christ child, so is He benefitted by an appropriate celebration of the sublime event.

OREGONIAN WOULD NOT DO IT

When an institution becomes in size much greater than most of its fellows, there is usually a tendency upon its part to consider itself a model to be patterned after and consider as unwarranted presumption the criticism of its fellows.

Such is the position assumed by The Oregonian.

The criticism of the Oregonian by a country weekly is less majestic in its most virulent form. It is unthinkable and an offense against the peace and dignity of the state, in its hideousness but slightly removed from murder.

Such was the crime committed by The Sentinel last week when, in a moment of the most serious mental aberration, it forgot for a moment the sacred position of The Oregonian in the affairs of the world, its impregnable editorial position and, unwary by the terrible dangers besetting such action, dared, in its humble way, to suggest that it might be just barely possible that The Oregonian for once had overstated itself a little.

This mighty champion of the inviolate power of the press, as more particularly exemplified by the editorial page of the Oregonian, waxed furious under this horrible, hideous breach of discipline and decided that the unsophisticated upstart guilty of such must be at once chastised, sat upon, squelched. Such sacrilegious disregard of deference due should by no manner of means be condoned.

And, what should be the manner of punishment? Ah! the very thing! Characterize the Sentinel editorial as silly. Hold the editor up to public scorn and then drop

him into the cauldron of fomented public indignation. Such, indeed, was the plan attempted and The Oregonian must be astounded, nay dumbfounded, to find the Sentinel editor still ambling around on top of terra firma and possessed of sufficient temerity to defend The Sentinel's position.

In commenting on an editorial in The Oregonian which had said that Society should exterminate for its own protection such wretches as the Holzman and Hill murderers, The Sentinel said:

Is the man who wrote that editorial willing to spring the trap that would send a murderer into oblivion? Does he stand ready to turn the electric switch that would end all on earth for some criminal wretch? If he stands so ready, then his opinion may have some weight. If he is not willing to himself break the murderer's neck, he has not the courage of his convictions and is merely prattling. By the same token, if Governor West does not feel that he could himself, in the name of the law, take the murderer's life, it is his plain duty to commute the sentence.

After saying: "The foregoing is silly enough; but The Oregonian will discuss it seriously," The Oregonian comments with its usual profundity:

The questions propounded may be answered cheerfully and truthfully. The author of the sentiments expressed by The Oregonian would not care for the job of locking in their cells the several hundred penitentiary prisoners at Salem, but this fact need not discount his opinion that lawbreakers should be locked up. Nor would he care for a job in an abattoir, yet he feels that he still can consistently advocate a meat diet. Neither would he care to be an undertaker for a good deal of money, yet he is quite certain that his views concerning the propriety of burying or cremating the dead are entirely right and proper. There is no intent herein to deride or con-

demn either of the three honorable occupations mentioned.

One chooses, in large measure, his own life work. The Oregonian believes that if in the course of events a duty devolves upon a person in public or private life which involves his likes or his dislikes or his conscientious scruples, he should either perform that duty or resign. A person who would permit his scruples concerning the infliction of the death penalty to override his duty is as plainly disqualified for service as is the juror in a murder trial. Capital punishment is provided for by law. The makers of the constitution or the legislators never contemplated giving the governor the power to suspend the law because of personal opinion as to its justness. The governor is sworn to uphold the law, not his personal scruples.

The Sentinel is pleased to note that the writer of the foregoing agrees with The Sentinel in not being willing to himself do the job of exterminating such wretches as the Holzman and Hill murderers, however fully they may deserve the extreme penalty of the law, and it takes this opportunity of complimenting The Oregonian upon its position. This point being settled without advice of council and without coercion, The Oregonian must expect its advice to someone else to do what it will not do itself to be heavily discounted.

The second point made by The Oregonian has more reason to it than the first one, but is by no means impregnable. The Sentinel wishes to be excused from making any defense of Gov. West but, if, as The Oregonian attempts to intimate, the governor of this great and growing commonwealth is violating his oath of office and is allowing tenderness of heart, or softness of the brain, to interfere with the proper performance of the duty of his office, there is a way provided for removing him from office, and, if The Oregonian, with its great influence, which it itself will acknowledge is second to none in the state, is sitting supinely by and allowing the laws of the state to be shamefully overridden, it is neglecting its duty to the state and to its supporters.

The Sentinel is certain, however, that if The Oregonian will look up the statutes it will find that the constitution vests the governor with complete legal authority to commute the death sentence as he sees fit.

The Oregonian certainly makes itself ridiculous in its audacious attempt to rewrite the constitution to serve its own purpose.

The Oregonian intimates that if Governor West finds the inflicting of the death penalty obnoxious to his scruples he should resign. Let The Sentinel again ask what the Oregonian writer would do in a like position. Every citizen is eligible to the office of governor; a large quota of brains is not a requisite, as has been ably demonstrated in the past; and it is within the range of bare possibility that the writer in The Oregonian may be placed in the same position Governor West was recently in. If he would, in the same position, demand the life of the murderer or tender his resignation, The Sentinel is willing to acknowledge that his opinion already expressed has some weight. Otherwise it is more idle prattle; the puerile splutterings of an overly-ambitious space-filler.

Most people gauge their trust of other people by their own knowledge of how far others can trust them.

To remark a few minutes after getting a divorce certainly seems somewhat inconsistent.

Lime and Cement at Spray & Co's. Remorse seldom comes from success. A stick in time may save the child. There are lots of Christians who worship their idol.

We know some people who ought to go to heaven—and some others. A beautiful line of sterling silver mounted toilet sets, military sets and manicure sets, all going at cost at H. C. Madsen's.

When an old hen gets married, she gets mad if you call her children chicks. The more money some people get the less they seem to know about using it.

The greatest spendthrift is he who wastes his opportunities.

16 lbs. pure cane sugar for \$1.00 or 20 lbs. for \$1.00 with every \$5.00 purchase of other goods. Des Larzes Grocery. D1-tf.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think, and What We Think of the Things Others Think

The lazy man must get tired of himself.

Many a mother of a large family has to perform almost as great a miracle as did the Savior with the loaves and fishes.

A vacuum cleaner makes house cleaning a pleasure. Get a good one at Kinter Bros. Special price until Christmas, \$6.00.

The worst grumblers are those who have much more than lots of other people would be perfectly contented with.

The man who tries to wind himself into your sympathies gets to be a bore after awhile.

No need of anyone saying he has not heard Caruso, Harry Lauder or any of the great singers of this day. Come in and hear them free of charge on the Victrola at Marion Veatch's. D8-29.

Some of the best things ever written were considered only mediocre by those who penned them, so who's to be a judge of the best things to read?

The man who is never misquoted has not much of a reputation for saying things.

Shingles for sale at Rees-Wallace Co. 2t...

Most of us shoot off the most when the person we aim to hit is not in range.

After a man and women are hitched, they often fail to hitch.

McGavran is having a wall paper sale. D1...

No matter how much money a man earns, if he can't make both ends meet, he is worse off than the man on a slender salary who has a little left over.

You can always tell whether a person is accustomed to being polite by the grace, or lack of it, with which he performs when circumstances compel a courtesy.

Scholl's stock of jewelry is clean and up-to-date. No old, shelf-worn goods to work off.

It's very appropriate to wish "A Happy New Year" just a week after Christmas.

Bad luck is not so much a matter of chance as it is of not accepting a chance.

Bad bread makes a bad disposition. Use Drifted Snow flour and you will always have good bread. We guarantee every sack. Spray & Co.

A woman does not have to lie about her age after she has passed 50—no one is curious about it after that time.

Why shouldn't a man have his property in his wife's name if he wishes to?—he gave her the name.

A good, high-grade piano for sale. Very cheap on easy terms. F. B. PHILLIPS. D1-tf.

The man who can take castor oil without trouble deserves to have a family of twelve howling kids.

If everyone was to say just what he thinks, there would be mighty little conversation in this old world.

Des Larzes Grocery is headquarters for all kinds of poultry supplies, grit, bone, oyster shells, egg food, scratch food, beef scraps, etc. D8-29.

It's hard work for a girl to keep her hands as soft and pretty as she would like and still do her duty by her mother.

Home rule was not originated by the Irish. It has been a living, burning question since the first man and woman were put on the earth.

FREE! While they last, a decorated china dish with every \$5 and \$10 purchase at Scholl's.

Some New York jokers recently gave a woman poison—and will find the jury has very little appreciation of humor.

An Oregon bride-to-be compelled her promised husband to travel a couple thousand miles in order to be married by a preacher who would leave out the "obey" clause. After she has been married awhile she will learn how unnecessary was such a precaution.

Wall paper stock reducing sale at McGavran's. D1...

The man who beats up his rival in an attempt to win a wife can hardly qualify as angelic and sweet-tempered.

Some people get tired of being worked.

A new 6-room house, nicely finished, never been occupied, lot 60x150, for sale at a bargain. Inquire of C. W. Wallace. tf...

Congress is in session again, but there are still a few things to be thankful for.

The more worries a person has the less theories he has.

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Lv. Tillamook	7:55 A. M.
Lv. Bay City	8:15 A. M.
Lv. Beach Points	9:00 A. M.
Ar. Hillsboro	1:25 P. M.
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RED TAPE

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act for us and we on next week."

"Good work, old enthusiastically. and dance act or a

"Neither—it is a "A monologue?"

your wife were bot "We are. But—wife?"—Cleveland

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"Is it anything asked a youth of latter had examine

"No, no; not at al ical man. "Noth little stiffness in the my lad. But you n it."—London Telegr

Came Par

"Before marriage life in a fine house. ants."

"Dreams never c "They do, partial instead of a house, sixteen servants."

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