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Christmas Week.

The observance of Christmas is now going on, the anniversary of the birth of Christ; though it is said no man knows when Jesus Christ was born. Undoubtedly this is true, as the personal adherents of Jesus were few, and did not understand the place He was destined to fill in human history; their training was not sufficient to the preservation of exact memorials, and so the first accounts of Jesus related from personal memory were relegated to tradition. As time passed on, Christians have made inquiries about this personal history; but could get no exact information; they disagreed on the day of his birth and finally compromised upon a time which came nearest the concurrence of different testimonials. The exact day or year, however, is a matter of small import. The great fact is enough. There was such a person as Jesus, and the course of his life and manner of his death are among the best attested facts of history.

Christmas was originally a pagan festival, and the coarse barbaric quality clung to it long after it had become a Christian holiday. With the old English, Christmas was a day of gluttonous feasting and rude animal jollity. The poor were drunk for days during Christmas week on the free ale of the rich, and it was this riotous character that made the old Christmas find small favor in the eyes of the better classes. Since then a change has been moulded in the character of Christmas, and to-day it is celebrated as much a religious as secular holiday; a season of social joy and genial congratulations among friends and neighbors.

With the anniversary of Christmas and New Year should come the feeling of good cheer, and always the chance to be charitable, to give something for nothing; be Christ-like. It is a sad thought of those who never have a merry Christmas, who never had any happy years in the past and are not likely to have in the future. For such as these, the Christmas week ought to be days of charity as well as of selfish hilarity; if there is nothing deeper in our mood than the selfish joy of giving and receiving gifts and kindly greetings, then the less we mull about Christmas as a season of holy and inspiring memories the better. The hardest capacity to perform is doing something for nothing; yet this is the spirit of Christmas.

Now that the holiday is with us, and families are renewing the broken circuit of domestic loves, the hard eyes of avarice look something less hungry, and all is a formal treaty, at least. The searching sun of Christmas week, brings with it gentle thoughts of better days, before love went lame, its voice grew hoarse and vows of mutual kindness and forbearance were sincerely registered. Old age with softened fancy on the changes which time has wrought with him, since he used to anticipate with delight the coming of Christmas; maybe sadness mingled with mirth as he murmurs to himself:

"My spirits flew on fathers then;
But now 'tis little joy
To know I'm further off from heaven
Than when I was a boy."

This is the transient glow of good feeling that we, who have any Christmas holiday, are lifted for the moment, at least, to catch the refrain of the heavenly host that enrolled in the ear of the Christ child, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

Dr. Center of Jacksonville, Fla. has a beanstalk that approaches the fabled one of Jack of the nursery tale. The seed came from Japan. Planted in Florida sand, without fertilization, it has grown about forty feet in height, with a lateral spread of about twenty-five feet or more. The stem is six inches round two and one-half through. The flower is bright purple, as large almost as a pansy. There are half a bushel of beans on this wonderful stalk.

A Memphis woman took baking powder for strychnine and laid around for five hours waiting for death. When it didn't come she arose and spanked her four children and went to console with a neighbor.

It is said that President Cleveland and wife will go abroad soon after the 4th of March, and will make a tour of Europe. On his arrival in England, the ex-President will probably be tendered an ovation by the Cobden free-trade Club, to which he is indebted for his ideas on the subject of the tariff.

The prominent and most important measures engaging the attention of Congress, aside from the general appropriation bills, are the Senate tariff bill, the direct tax bill, and the question of the admission of Dakota, Montana, Washington and New Mexico as states. The house bill, known as the Springer bill, proposes to embrace the four territories above named in one bill, and make a single State of Dakota. This will not be agreed to by the Senate, and the new states will probably go over to the new Congress.

Suver.
A merry Christmas.

Our school is prospering under the management of Mr. Case.

Our Christmas entertainment was good. All are happy.

One of our citizens is opposed to the Monolian Pheasants. He would prohibit them coming to this county.

Suver.
J. B. Stump has bought the Allingham place.

The section hands are putting in new ties at this place and putting the road in good condition.

Mr. Terhune, of W. T., brother of Mrs. C. H. Hoag, has been quite sick at C. H. Hoag's. At this writing he is much improved.

Miss Lena Hillbrand who is attending school at Salem, is sick with malaria and is not able to return home during holidays. At this writing she is getting better.

There was a Christmas tree at this place Christmas eve which was well attended. There were lots of nice presents and the little folks were all made happy by receiving some nice present.

Misses Mollie and Laura Collins who have been attending the Sisters school at Salem, came home to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mr. E. Case who is teaching school at this place, went to Corvallis to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Hubbard, of Dallas, came up Monday to spend the holidays with her son, J. R. Hubbard, of this place.

The editor who got off the following ought to be taken to the mill pond and have his head soaked until the fever in his brain had subsided and then turned over to the tender mercies of prospective brides: "A young couple arrived in Ellensburg from Yakima in a covered wagon. They had two hearts that beat as one; one soul with but a single thought, and a miscellaneous assortment of tropical fruits and squash. Their hearts had twined as the pumpkin vine and their voices were honeyed with dew. They sold out their cargo and then got married. The groom hired a room at a hotel for the bride and slept outside in the wagon. He was altogether too modest."—East Oregon Republican.

The business interests of this country were very much crippled by the political campaign just closed. We need a settled policy whatever it may be, and then business can adjust itself accordingly. We are already beginning to feel the reviving pulse of trade. There exists every natural reason why business should be prosperous at present and during the coming year, and nothing but violence can render it otherwise.

Record of Deeds.

The following deeds were recorded with the county clerk this week:
Jane Haley to Patrick Haley, 160 acres, in sec. 8, T. 4 S. R. 4 W., \$800.
Ben Hayden and wife to Estella Hayden, south half of D. L. C. of J. T. Davis and wife, \$900.
Jane Haley to P. W. Haley, lot 6, blk 4, Monmouth, \$1.
John and Mary Penninger to Nathan Blair, 30 acres in D. L. C. of Isaac Gilstrap and wife, \$800.
H. Hirschberg to Jennet Holgin, two lots in Independence, \$700.

Pendleton, Oregon, January 12.

Having suffered with my kidneys I was induced to try Dr. Henley's Oregon Kidney Tea which relieved me in a short time. I take pleasure in recommending it to the public as a safe remedy for kidney difficulties.

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Summons.

Justice's Court for the precinct of Monmouth, State of Oregon, County of Polk.

John C. Worth, plaintiff, vs. Kit Wing, defendant. Civil action to recover money.

To Kit Wing, the above named defendant: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, for the precinct aforesaid, on the 25th day of December, 1888, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the office of said Justice, in said precinct, to answer the above named plaintiff, in a civil action. The defendant will take notice that if he fail to answer the complaint herein, the plaintiff will take judgment against him for \$750 and his costs and disbursements in this action. The defendant will further notice that his property has been attached in the above named action, published in the Polk County Observer for six consecutive weeks, by order of the undersigned, made Nov. 13, 1888.

Witness my hand, —R. C. Perival, Justice of the Peace.

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