Is every day with the Merchant who dvertises in the Press—he has some ng to sell and says so.

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~******** A Vagrant Christmas Gift

ALBERT EDWARD CONVERSE

R. and Mrs. Jackson Smith understood each other perfectly on the Christmas present proposition This satisfactory state of affairs did not come about the first year of their wedded life, nor even the second. The third Christmas was almost at hand before Mr. Smith discovered accidentally, but to his intense joy, that Mrs. Smith rel-ished his selection of furs, gloves, cur-tains, rugs, and so on, no more than

cravats, mufflers, et cetera.

That their friends could not be taken in on the combination was, however, a thorn in the flesh of each

did he her choice of smoking-jackets,

"The worst has happened," said Mrs. Smith, interrupting Mr. Smith's perusal of the paper Christmas morn-ing.

'A messenger just brought a pres ent from the Snivelys, and I forgot to put them on my list. It's a book and re've got to send them something." "Well, what are we going to do about the Snivelys?" growled Mr.

"Jack," said she in a moment, "Tve had an inspiration. Why couldn't we send the Snivelys the book that Cous-in Lucy sent us? Neither of them will ever know it."

"By George! We'll do it," said Mr. Smith, after considering the propo-sition. "Where is Cousin Lucy's

"It's on the desk," said Mrs. Smith.
"Just put our cards in the book and
wrap it up neatly. I'll call a messen-

Half an hour later Mr. Smith handed a package, addressed to Mr. Snive-ly, to a messenger boy and saw him depart with it. He was luxuriously stretched out on a davenport when Mrs. Smith came into the room a few

minutes later.
"Jack," said Mrs. Smith, holding a book in her hand, "I thought you were going to wrap this book up." "Great Scott!" exclaimed Mr. "Great Scott!" exclaimed Mr.
Smith, jumping to his feet. "I did
wrap up some book. The messenger

"How long has the boy been gone? ed Mrs. Smith

has already been here and I gave it

"About ten minutes." "Get your things on. Be quick, and maybe you can reach the Snivelys' before the boy and get that dreadful book away from him! How could you have been so careless?"

Mrs. Smith was almost frantic. Down to the nearest street car tore Mr. Smith, fairly consumed with rage. He had arrived at the down town district when, with a thrill of joy, he spied the messenger boy. Without waiting for the car to stop, Mr. Smith jumped off and started on a run for the boy.

boy saw him, and, without knowing why he was being pursued, he obeyed his first impulse and ran too.

In a moment a dozen had joined the chase. Down the street came the poor messenger boy, frantically straining every muscle to get away from the mob pursuing him. tenly two men from a cross stree ran in front of the boy. One threv als arms around the fugitive, hold mg his fast; the other man seized the ckage the boy was carrying.

"Why, Snively! This package is ad essed to you!" he exclaimed.
"Why, so it!" said the man who

and caught the boy.

In a moment they were surrounde by a crowd. A policeman rushed up and took charge of the boy.

"Hold on there, officer, the boy's all right!" cried Mr. Smith, who had arrived upon the scene by this time. What do you know about this af

'air?" said the policeman respectfully, as he recognized Mr. Smith. But Mr. Smith was standing as one laxed. He had caught sight of Mr.

Snively with the book under his arm "Hello, Smith," said Mr. Snively I just now caught this boy, and bund him carrying a package ad-iressed to me, so took charge of it. Do you know anything about it?"

"Why—why—er—yes," stammered Wr. Smith, trying to collect his wits. fou see, I sent the package.

"Well, why were you chasing the soy?" asked the policeman, a little im The perspiration stood out on poo

"I-I was afraid I hadn't given the soy the right address, and was trying a stop him to find out," he blurted desperation.

ceman looked at Mr. Smith sly. He was convinced that he was lying, though with what object he

"The puckage has come to the righ "Illow anyway," said Saively, laugh-ig. "I'm going right home, so I'll the it along with me."
"Oh. I couldn't think of allowing

"Oh, I couldn't think of allowing hung up the receiver and once mo to do that, old man!" cried Mr. settled himself in comfort, "Chris lenith. "Just give it back to the boy: mas comes but once a year!"

he'li take it to the house for you." "Nonsensel" said Mr. Snively, "It's light package and I don't mind

carrying it a particle."

Mr. Smith ground his teeth with rage. How was he to get that book away from Snively?

"Snively," said he, my office is only a few doors down the street. Come up and smoke a cigar with me. I've got some good ones." A few minutes later Mr. Smith ush-

"Sit down here, Snively," said he, offering his guest a chair. "Let me have your package; I'll put it over here on my desk."

He took the book eagerly and put it on his deak out of sight. As he smoked and talked, he racked his brain for a scheme to get Snively out of the room without his book.

"Good morning, gentlemen. Merry Christmas." It was Smith's partner, Perkins,

who thus addressed them as he came out of his private office. Suddenly a brilliant scheme took

shape in his mind. He proceeded imnediately to put it into execution. "By the way, Perkins, I have a Christmas present for you." As he spoke, he picked up Snively's package and, holding it so that Snively could not see it, walked over the Perkins and handed it to him.

"But-but-" Perkins protested. "Take it and keep your mouth shut, or I'll choke you!" whispered Smith

"Oh, thank you very much," said the astonished Perkins. "Well, I must be getting home. Good morning." After talking a few moments longer

Snively rose to go. "Can I trouble you for my package

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I come from northern forest lands Where men would tarry never. The seasons come, the seasons go, But I am green forever.



desk and searching first calmly and

then with apparent annoyance.
"By George! It isn't here," he an-Suddenly he sat down and began

Searching First Calmly and Then With

Apparent Annoyance

ughing uproariously.
"Do you know what I've done?" he said as soon as he had his mirth some what under control. "I gave Perkin present home last night, and my wife sent it over this morning with a pres

ent for Mrs. Perkins." "Oh, that's all right," said Snively, laughing. "It doesn't make a particle

They parted, laughing good-naturedly over the blunder. Smith arrived home soon after, con-

gratulating himself on his generalship.
"Oh, Jack," cried Mrs. Smith, as soon as he stepped into the house, hope you haven't had any trouble!"
"Well, I've had just about the most strenuous time I've experienced in

many moons," said Smith. "I came out all right though." "I'm so sorry," said Mrs. Smith "Now I hope you won't be angry, Jack, but you hadn't been gone but a few moments when I discovered that you hadn't sent Mrs. Snively's book, after all. I found her book lying on the way, it had been knocked off. The only book that is missing is the one that Mr. and Mrs. Perkins sent

that you sent to the Snivelys."

Mr. Smith collapsed into the near "Ding-a-ling-a-ling," went the tele-

us, so that must have been the one

Mr. Smith, still in a dazed condition, rose and answered it.
"Hello, is that you, Smith?" said a
voice. "This is Perkins."

Smith braced himself for the worst. "I didn't quite understand about that present you gave me down at the office. When I got home I found that it had Snively's name on it."

"I thought there must be some mis take about it, so I didn't open it." "You say you didn't open it?"

"Thank Heaven!" "Thank Heaven!"
"What do you say?"
"I said that you did right. It was just a little joke on Snively."
"Is that so? Well, I'll bring the package down to the office with me in the morning."
"Thank you. Good-by."
"Thank heaven," said Smith as he

Santa Claus says:

¶ A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed in holly.

¶ Better broken toys than broken

¶ Never look a gift object in the rice tag.

¶ Santa Claus by any other name would cost as much—and be ¶ Do not be satisfied with wishing people a "Merry Christmas;" help make it one.

Make it one.

¶ Lots of men put on long white
whiskers and think they look like
me when they look more like a
goat—and perhaps they are.

¶ If Willie wants to see what is
inside the drum, for goodness
sake let him.

¶ You are living in God's own country. What more do you want for Christmas.

It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.

¶ Keep up the "Good will to man"
part of it right through until neat

It is more blessed to give than

G Fortunately for most of us. we When Christman giving becomes a necessity it ceases to be a virtue.

There is more joy in heaven over a ton of coal given to the poor than a ton of diamonds given to the rich.

Song of the **Christmas**Tree By Gene Morgan

The flowers of spring bloom at my for The shadows always spreading. Near by there runs a forest path Where watchful deer are troading.

The summer passes all too soon, And autumn winds are chilly. Poor flowers, they wither, droop as Amid the woodland hilly.



From every branch, and tears I drip In rainstorm's flerce endeavor. The flowers may come, the flowers

But I am green forever.

Now hark! the woodman's ax is heard! A sister tree he's felling. What can this crue! destruction mean? The winter wind is telling:

'Do not bemoan thy mournful fate, Tho' axmen wield with madness. Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine, You'll soon bring children gladness

"Thou canst not die, although thy tr Harsh hatchet blows may sever. Within the little children's hearts Thou wilt be green forever!"



Origin of Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree is supposed by reat numbers of people to have origlable source we learn that the Christmas tree came in the first instance from Egypt, and its origin dates from a period much earlier than the Chris-The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the completed year.



fow doth the Christmas shopper

CARRANZA SENDS WARNING TO U.S.

tile and unfriendly act.
At no time since the receipt of Sec-At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note, in which attention was called to the repeated wounding and killing of residents of the time, has General Carranza appeared perturbed, but he has had long conferences with those close to him, and, in framing his reply, it is said, he has been careful not to let himself remain in any uncertain light. certain light.

"General Hill, who is commanding the constitutionalist forces at Naco, is the constitutionalist forces at Naco, is on the defensive," continued General Carranza, "and since his back was to the line it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing in question. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been the attacking party and therefore it appears reasonably clear that they, and only they, could have been to blame.

been to blame.
"As a matter of fact, I do not know that the rights of the American eiti-zens have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the State

me that it would be well for the State department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility.
"I remember similar instances at El Paso, where the Maderista forces were attacking there. In that case those shot were for the most part the imprudent and curious individuals who flocked to witness the fighting as if it had been a spectacular show staged for their benefit.
"As to the use of force of which

"As to the use of force, of which Mr. Bryan talks, that is something the gravity of which I fear he does not fully appreciate. He says it would not mean an invasion of our territory nor a violation of our national sovereignty. It would. And, moreover, it
would more certainly be an act against
the constitutionalists who hold the
town and in favor of the Villaistas,
who would be left free to continue
their operations. It would be simply
tying General Hill's hands and leaving
Maytoreas free.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson and his cabinet decided Wednesday
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to send American warships to the canal zone to guard against violations of
neutrality there by belligerent ships.

Just how many ships, and whether
destroyers or cruisers or battleships
shall be dispatched, will be determined
after a full report has been received
from Colonel Gethals, military gover. Maytorena free

"I sincerely hope that good friendship of the American people towards the Mexican people will prevent the consummation of Secretary Bryan's

Battleship Oregon to Be Head of Canal Parade

Washington, D. C .- Not only will the battleship Oregon lead the navies of the world through the Panama Ca-nal on the date of formal dedication next February, but she will carry on her bridge the President of the United

Thus the opening of the Panama Ca nal becomes a gala day for the old warship, which gained such distinction score is cleared up by Secretary of the Navy Daniels in his annual report. In s paragraph devoted to the opening of the Panama Canal, Secretary Daniels

says:
"The great maritime powers of the world have been invited, and a number of them have accepted the invitation, to participate in the exercises incident to the opening of the Panama canal. The international fleet and the ships of our own navy escorting it will assemble at Hampton Roads in February, 1915, where they will be reviewed by the President of the United States. After the review they will sail for Cristobal thence they will proceed to Balboa, on the Pacific side.

Fortune Tellers Barred.

Lubeck - Fortune-tellers now are forbidden to practice in any part of nated in Germany, but from a re- the German empire. Soon after the enormous business with relatives of soldiers in the field, who wanted to know how things were going with them. Visits to the fortune-tellers them. Visits to the fortune-tellers often had tragic consequences, as many of the callers were in a high state of relatives regarding their men folk at wavering of the British cabinet frustible front has been aggravated by the muddle of field postal organization.

Child Drowned in Milk.

Efficient, But Not Large New York - Organization of a de-

WARNING TO U.S.

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Use of Force on Border Will Be
Considered Unfriendly.

Bryan's Declaration That Retail.

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Attention Would Not Be Invasion

Is Flatiy Contradicted.

Were Crus—"If the United States the minimal of the surplives force to stop the firing by Mexima across the international boundary line at Nec, 18 will be considered an unfriendly set, notwith-standing the friendly motives cloaking the act.

In this manner General Carrans, In a statement to the Associated Fress, to the Associated Fress, to the Associated Fress, to the Associated Fress, to the Cormal notice and the Associated Fress, to the Cormal notice and General Carrans that where surplived the act.

"You might as well, under modern note will be in general a repudiation of responsibility for any shots that fing cased force would be employed to the Associated Fress, to the Associated Fress, to the Associated fress, the As

youngsters as officers of volunteers and a still larger number as trained men to form the nucelus of volunteer compan-ies in case we are so unfortunate as to become involved in war. Some such method as that must be adopted, because when war comes it will come suddenly and unless we are the aggres-sor—which is highly improbable, it will come from one who is holly prepared and who knows when he is ing and where he is comi

Warships Will Be Sent

To Panama Canal Zone Washington, D. C.—President Wilson and his cabinet decided Wednesday

onel Goethals, military nor of the canal zone, and Captain Rodman, naval officer at the canal.

Both Secretary Garrison and Secre-tary Daniels made it clear that the delay in acting on the request of Colonel Goethals for two destroyers was due

o a lack of information Mr. Garrison explained that the colonel has sent two messages, one asking for the destroyers, without specifying the purpose of thier use In reply to a measage of inquiry on the latter point Colonel Goethals ex-plained that the wireless regulations were being violated in canal waters, and referred to the misuse of the canal

zone as a base of supplies.

The War department again asked for specific instances of what had oc-

On a full explanation of condition in the canal zone depends exactly what action will be taken and under what

epartmental jurisdiction War Threatens Gould Kin.

Breslau-The Breslaur Zeitung de mands the confiscation of the principality of Sagan, which stands in the name of Prince Howard, of Sagan, son of Duke Helie and the Duchess of Tally-rand. The Duchess was Anna Gould of New York. The confiscation is demanded as a reprisal against the al-leged confiscation of German property in France. The principality of Sagan embraces the castle of Sagan and 60,-000 acres. Duke Helie renounced his title of Prince of Sagan in favor of his son at the time of his father's death.

British Lose Sea Chance.

Berlin—Among the items given out by the Official Press Bureau were the following: "The English naval peri-odical Nautilus reports that the form-er first sea lord, Prince Louis of Battenberg, planned to cut off the Ger-man fleet in Norwegian waters the

Kaiser's Doctors Anxious

Paris—A Madrid dispatch published the Journal says: "Reliable news

Army Advised by Wood Injured Give Advice to Industrial Accident Board

Fruit and Vegetable Diseases to Be Discussed

information secured. Other subjects to be treated by Professor Jackson are fire blight of apple and pear, apple tree anthractnose, apple mildew, peach leaf curl, and California peach blight, brown rot of prunes and other stone fruits, gooseberry mildew, and other gooseberry and currant troubles, mildews of grain cross dealing with both dews of grain crops, dealing with both cause and control, important diseases of clover and alfalfa, and the rust of pear and quinces-a new Western displain the methods of potato seed pro-duction with reference to diseases and

disease control. The growers of small fruits and bush

or Barss. Vegetable diseases, such as potato rot and wilt, including rhizoctonia, po-tate late blight, and common potate scab and powdery scab will be dis-cussed by Professor Bailey. Other vegetable diesses, as of onions, celery, cabbage and tomatoes, will be treated from the standpoint of cause and con-

Curry Levy to Go Higher.

Marshfield - Curry county has prorided the expense budget for the season and it is said the levy will be a little heavier than for 1914. which adds to the 1915 expenditures which adds to the 1916 expenditures is the provision for reconstructing the Elk River county bridge, four miles from Port Orford, at an expense of \$6000. The County court at its recent meeting agreed it would be necessary also to allow a considerable increase in the bills for clerk hire, as the county growing and the official business eased greatly in some lines.

Gov. West Will Practice Law. Salem-Oswald West, governor of Oregon, has announced that after his term of office expires early in January he will engage in the practice of law in Portland. He and Claude C. Mc-Colloch, ex-state senator from Baker county, and Governor West's lieuten county, and Governor West's liceten-ant on the floor of the senate at the 1913 session of the legislature, have formed a partnership to be known as West & McColloch.

Lady Gets Good Job.

and this shows what you can do with intelligent men in a short time—than was made by the best company of the Fifth Regular Infantry for the same ranges. Over 60 per cent developed into marksmen. At the end of the five weeks' training period a board of our own officers examined these youngsters as officers in the lower grades.

"Now this is the kind of system which I think can be applied in this country. I hope that eventually it will grow into a general movement, embodying, say, a six months' enlistment broken into periods of two months each, to be taken during the economic and educational vecation, so as to interfere as little as possible with the work of the young men who are in the boys who are in college.

"I think if we can do that there will be developed a large number of trained youngsters as officers of volunteers and still larger number as trained men to satill larger number as trained men to satillarger number as trained men to satillarge

Jackson County Spends \$500,000 On Roads

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Results of recent spraying experiments in apple and pear scab control, will be discussed by Professor H. S. Jackson, plant pathologist of the Oregon station, at the O. A. C. annual short course, January 1 to 30, 1915. Laboratory and field experiments have been carried on extensively during the past year and it is the purpose of the department to give to the short course students the benefits of the additional forms. Ashland—Jackson county has spent nearly \$500,000 on roads in 1914. The Siskiyou unit of the Pacific highway has cost to date \$180,000, or \$12,000 a mile. From Ashland's western outskirts to the Poor farm, about five miles, the expense has been nearly \$12,000 a mile, or a total of \$52,000. This stretch has an asphalt wearing surface five inches thick, and was contract work. From the Poor farm to Medford, less than seven miles, the cost was \$74,000, divided between county and state, averaging \$11,000 a mile.

The Central Point unit was the most expensive, costing \$16,000 a mile. This, however, includes the cost of machinery and material, the entire expense over this particular area amounting to nearly \$55,000. About \$25,000 berry and currant troubles, milof grain crops, dealing with both
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ind quinces—a new Western disProfessor Jackson will also exthe methods of potato seed pro-Pacific highway to date has a

Siletz Road Unit Near.

The growers of small fruits and bush fruits will be especially interested in Professor Barss' treatment, and logan-berry anthracnose and other cane fruit diseases and some of the common and destructive diseases of chorries, and mushroom rot as a disease in fruit trees, will also be handled by Professor Barss.

Siletz Road Unit Near.

Dallas—It is practically certain now that the much-talked-of permanent road between Falls City and the Siletz will be started within the year. Road District No. 21, of this county, in which most of the Siletz road is located, has voted a special tax of 5 cated, has voted a special tax of o mills for this purpose. The county court has signified its intention to give the district, in addition to this special levy, all of the money raised on the general road levy in that district, to-gether with other money from the gen-eral road fund. When improved the distance between Portland and Newdistance between Portland and Newport will be cut down about 13 miles and a highway given to tourists that will equal anything in the West from the standpoint of scienic beauty. The Lincoln county court has commenced work on the Lincoln county end of the

Judgment Levy Denied.

Salem-Circuit Judge Galloway derided that Mrs. Grace D. Barnes held title to valuable property in this city, and that A. B. Spencer, of Los Angeles, who obtained judgment for \$70,000 against her husband, L. S. Barnes, could not levy on it. Judge Galloway characterized the decree of the California court awarding Spencer a judgment against Barnes as a flash of snap judgment." T lated to profits in a mining deal, plaintiff alleging that Barnes kept money that should have been divided.

Buena Vista Hops Sold.

Buena visita Hope Some Buena Visita—Owing to the loss inst year by growers holding the crop, hap-growers in this vicinity have sold the greater part of the 1914 crop. The hops were held for several weeks in hopes of higher prices, but as the prices rose slowly, the growers decided Modesto, Cal.—The infant son of Gregario Yrigogea, a Swiss dairyman, fell into a tank of skimmed milk Monday on the father's ranch and was drowned. The child, unable to walk, crawied to the tank. The top was serious sore throat, following diphonly a few inches from the ground. The milk was about 18 inches deep.

Ladg Gets Good Job.

Salem—Governor West has appointed his private secretary, Miss Fern Hobbs, a member of the State Industrial Accident commission, to succeed C. D. Bahcock, whose term will expire January 1. The term is four years and the salary \$3600 a year.