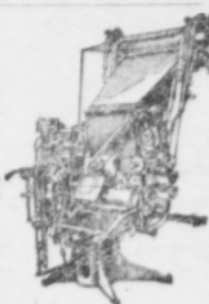


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THE SPELL OF TODAY

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"There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 11.
 The spell of another Christmas has fallen upon a busy world. For nearly a year it has rushed thoughtlessly on, but even in that heedlessness homage has been given to Jesus the kingly Nazarene. Evidence is everywhere at hand. The newspapers we read, the checks we draw, or the business of the nation, testify to his greatness. Civilization dates its transactions, if they are commercial, industrial, social or religious from the birth of Christ. As this day, commemorating His birth draws nearer, we feel a thrill of joy for additional blessings this Christmas season brings to us; a sense of reverence for religion, which, at other times, lies smoldering amid the debris of a complex, selfish, social system, and a spirit of brotherhood quickens us in behalf of those less favorably situated.

God's messages are often heard in strange places, and by people who represent the humbler vocations. One might have expected that the proclamation of the coming Messiah would have been made to the church. Instead, we are told in the sacred story, that angels carried the news to unlearned shepherds. May this not remind us that Christ cannot be restricted to any one class of people, or limited to any one organization, or that this Saviour cannot be monopolized by the church? Jesus Christ is God's Christmas present to the world. Lavish, or even mediocre, present we may not receive, but if at this Christmas-tide a clearer conception of God, of Christ, is obtained we have attained to the supreme good in life.

The democratic national convention will meet in St. Louis on Wednesday, June 14. The delegates expect to finish the nomination of Wilson in two days and make their get-away before Sunday.
 The Irrigation Congress, which will meet in Portland next Tuesday, has very appropriately decided to close late on the night of Dec. 31.
 The reason why spelling matches are not popular is because the heroes are not carried off the field on the shoulders of admiring rooters.
 The postoffice people sees indications of a Christmas trade so big that it really won't have time to fool any of it away in merriment.
 In these days of rabid dogs you should keep Fido on a strict diet—then he won't bite anybody for fear it will make him sick.
 The thugs and burglars are likewise making elaborate and successful arrangements to do their Christmas shopping early.
 The peace dove is the best advertised bird in existence, but it is a mythical rover. Give us the turkey with cranberries.
 Wonder why someone doesn't own a flock of pigeons in Gresham? They help to enliven things and make good scavengers.
 A scientist says that the human stomach feels no pain; but the boy in plumb pudding season won't agree with him.

Attention is called to the address of H. L. Ideman before Pomona grange last Wednesday. He represents the Industrial Development League of Portland, which is on a still hunt for factory sites. There is plenty of land and such facilities as transportation, power, light and water here, and it might be the part of wisdom for some of our property owners to get in touch with the committee through the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to land a few factories here. They will probably want to get outside of the city of Portland and there is no better place than Gresham.

This is just the proper season of the year in which to return the lawn mower you borrowed last summer, thus entitling you to demand the return of your wheelbarrow, as you might need it to bring a load of wood from the curb to your woodshed.

It is just as well for the inspector of weights and measures to be on the job this week. A piece of candy or a few nuts would make all the difference in the world to Santa Claus.

The president's wife has a new carnation, the "Edith Boiling pink" named for her as a compliment. It is probably the "pink of perfection."

If all your relatives swoop down on you for Christmas give it to the Outlook that you are having a society house party.

If a person's clothes react on one's mentality it is fair to presume that the mind is an utter blank when taking a bath.

It is unimportant, but all the same, we face the fact that there are more pet dogs than parrots in Gresham.

A day's work for the city man is regarded as a mere chore by the farmer.

The dairyman who pasture-izes his cow will not need to pasteurize the milk.

A man may be a child's pa, but sometimes he's his wife's catspaw.

Do it now! Only three days more to avoid the rush.

Christmas Money.
 The demand for Christmas money at the New York treasury grows each year. On a recent Christmas about \$250,000 a day in new coin, both gold and silver, was provided to meet the demand, which kept up until Christmas day. This Christmas money comes direct from the mint each year at this time. Thousands of residents of New York who never see the treasury at any other time pour down on the dingy old Wall street building and clamor for bright new gold and silver. The big department stores also demand new money, both to please their customers and to facilitate change.

Danger Signal.
 If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." For sale by Gresham Drug Co.—Adv.

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AND THE REINDEER CAME.

What They Brought Up to the Home of the Little Rich Girl.

"An—an the teacher said," lisped the baby of the rich. "There was reindeer hitched to sleighs full of dolls an' toys an' things, running over tops of houses on the night before Christmas."

"Yes," the proud father answered, "the teacher was right. They drove over your house last night, and Santa Claus unloaded a whole Christmas tree full of things for you."

They carried the little rich girl down the wide marble stairway to the oak paneled library on the first floor. There, between stained glass windows, was a ceiling high Christmas tree glowing with toy clowns, Shetland ponies, fairies with jeweled clothes and knobby parcels in delicate wrappings concealed in the evergreen branches. Some one turned a switch, which lighted the tree.

A tiny box hung far out on a green branch, which the rich baby's father detached and opened. The baby bent over it with an uncomprehending look. It contained gold pieces. Left to herself, she went up to the miniature house and doll family within her reach under the tree. There was the doll mother hovering over bisque children, who sat in tiny baby chairs. The house had curtains, carpets, a kitchen, real stairs and a nursery. The baby stood before it in wonderment.

Then she spied prancing reindeer attached to a toy sleigh, the back of which was filled with games, with ducks which bobbed their heads while they said "Quack," and little doll go-carts, which had lace covers and sunshades.

The morning or the afternoon of Christmas day and many other mornings and afternoons were not long enough for the baby to examine and play with all the toys and gifts which that stalwart tree held for her.

"An—an the teacher said," added the rich baby. "That sometimes the reindeer and the sleigh stopped for only a minute at a chimney, to leave one toy, an' sometimes—sometimes he did not stop at all!"—New York Evening Post.

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In the matter of the Estate of Josephine Congdon, Deceased.

No. 11276.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Josephine Congdon, deceased, has filed his final account of said estate, in the above entitled court; and that Thursday, the 30th day of December, 1915, at the hour of 9:15 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the courthouse at Portland, in said county and state, has been appointed as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account, and the settlement thereof. All persons having objections to said final account are hereby notified to present the same at such time and place.

W. H. CONGDON, Administrator.
 MILO C. KING, Attorney for Administrator.
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