Of the loves and sorrows blended
Every year.
Of the joys of friendship ended
Of the ties that still might bind me
Until Time and Death resigned me
My infirmities remind me
Every year. Every year.

Ah! how sad to look before us
Every year.
When the clouds grow darker o'er us,
Every year.
When we see the biossoms faded.
That to bloom we might have aided,
And immortal garlands braided,
Every year.

To the past go more dead faces Every year. As the loved leave vacant places
Every year.
Everywhere the sad eyes meet us,
In the evening's dusk they greet u
And to come to them entreat us
Every year.

Yes, the shores of life are shifting
And we are seaward drifting
Every year.
Old pleasures, clinging, fret us,
The living more forget us.
There are fewer to regret us
Every year.

But the truer life draws nigher And its morning star climbs higher
Every year.
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burden lighter
And the dawn immortal brighter
Every year.



REPEATED robberies of the stage coach which made a weekly trip from Flagstaff to Pittman Valley. coach which made a weekly trip follow this trail."
from Flagstaff to Pittman Valley, "Mebbe you're right," said the sheriff, Ari., finally aroused the ranchmen and small storekeepers along the line to the his posse. Two hours of quick walking determination that something must be brought them to a cavernous-like open-

the plucky agent rolled from his seat a HIS LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS. desperately wounded man. Before advancing a step the robber fired again, killing one of the lead horses. He then quickly strode to the coach, picked up the wounded man, threw him under the seat, and began rifling the old vehicle. A small box, containing the money destined for the Pittman Valley office, was all that was secured. As the robber backed out of the coach his eye caught sight of the little bundle of blankets on the seat. Stooping down he pulled aside the covering, and was startled by hearing a wee

"Is you my papa? I'm his Christmus gif; mamma sent me." "You bet I'm your papa, and I take you as the most precious Christmas gift mor-

tal man ever got." big brawny arms, he leaped from the coach, cut loose the dead horse and its living companion, and then lashed the remaining pair into a run in the direction of Pittman Valley. A moment later, as he stood in the middle of the pass, he gave a shrill whistle, and from a clump of pine trees on the side of the road emerged a tall and powerful elk. Without hesitation the stately animal moved quickly to the side of the robber, who hastily tied on its back the box of money, and then, still hugging the precious bundle, he leaped on the elk's back and was soon lost to sight in the valley below.

The clattering of the maddened coach

soon lost to sight in the valley below.

The clattering of the maddened coach horses as they dashed into the little town of Pittman aroused its citizens, who soon learned from the wounded agent, who had recovered consciousness, what hap-pened. A posse was at once formed, and with the sheriff in the lead set out for the scene of the robbery and attempted murder. Arriving there they were nonplused at failing to find any trail in the deep snow except the hoofprints of an

elk or stag. 'Don't see how we can make a move without a trail to work on," said the sheriff. "Might as well give it up." But this did not suit Wesley Hawkins, an old mountain trapper.

"These elk hoofprints are a mystery o me," he said. "I know positively that there are no elk this high up in the mountains now and haven't been for goin' on three year. They are all in the valley below, and for one I think we ought to

who set off on the elk trail, followed by

New Year Dayin Ye olden Time

few moments they heard voices and came

to a small, stout door, which stood partly

ajar. The poorly furnished room they

peered into was ablaze with the light of

of the floor was little Helen Grace Mor-

ris gazing in rapt wonder at the big

Christmas tree laden with articles which

the highwayman had at various times se-

cured in his forays on the express coach.

"All these things is your'n, little one," said the rough-visaged robber as tears

stole down his coarse, weather-beaten

an' all them things is your'n. I've taken

many a chance for my life to get 'em, but

never will do it again for your sake,

"ALL THESE IS YOUR'N."

for I've got somethin' to live for, an' I'll

ground floor of the cavern and prayed that he might be forgiven as he stroked

the golden curls of his little companion,

"Sh', sh', boys," said the sheriff as he

slowly backed out of the cavern. "Come

on, don't make a noise; we ain't seen him do nothin'. He'll never rob another

coach, for she's made a man of him, and

he got the best Christmas gift Santa

Agent Willard recovered and five years

ago came to Chicago and is the owner of

a small hay and feed store in Belden

His Awful Fate.

the human ostrich who was on exhibi-

Lecturer—The poor fellow ate some of the candy that his little son got off from the Sabbath school Christmas tree and

died in horrible agony soon after.-Puck.

Christmas.

Visitor (in dime museum)-Where is

Claus ever had in his big storehouse."

avenue.-Chicago Tribune.

tion here last week?

on which his tears glistened like dew.

highwayman then knelt on the

raise you like a lady."

"You are my Christmas present,

huge log fire, and seated in the middle

sengers were shot down before they had | crawl in at the mouth of the cavern. In a

even offered the slightest resistance.

Something must be done, and G. Frank

Willard, the agent at Flagstaff, finally

made up his mind to drive the coach on

its next trip. He announced his inten-

tion to his assistant and told the new

"I will find out who are killing our pas-

sengers and robbing the company on almost every trip," said Willard, the

night before his departure, to a group of

ranchmen who had come down the moun-tains to purchase trinkets and proven-

der for the Christmas days. Every ef-

fort had been made to apprehend the

stage robbers without success. Not even

a trail in the deep snow could be discov-

ered. Footprints of a man or men with-

in a radius of twenty feet of the robbed

coach were all that was ever seen. They could be traced nowhere. Only the sin-

gle print of an elk's hoof could be found,

and elks, as a rule, do not rob stage

coaches. It was a mystery, but Agent Willard was determined to unravel it.

teer Springs got into Flagstaff to trans-

fer its freight to Willard's care it was found that he had intrusted to him a

most precious burden wrapped snugly in

warm, soft blankets. Opening the bun-

dle a pair of big blue eyes, shaded by

clusters of golden curls, gazed at him in

A note pinned to the blanket near the

throat of the little one stated that the baby was named Helen Grace Morris and

that she was sent to her father at Pitt-

man Valley as a Christmas gift from her

mother, who was too poor in health and

"Truly a precious present if her father

is anything of a man," mused Agent Wil-lard, as he tenderly took the little one in

his arms and placed her in his own com-

fortable bed in the rear of the express office. But he had other things to think

of, and after kissing the sleeping baby

hurried about his work of getting ready

In the morning he was up bright and

early, had little Helen tucked away snug-

ly inside the coach, and was off for his

station, twenty-five miles distant, pear

"Good luck to you, Willard," was shouted after him by the ranchmen who

had gathered about to bid him success

in his search for the daring highwaymen.

Nothing out of the usual happened dur-

ing the greater part of his journey, and

he was fast beginning to think that his

trip would be made without incident

when he neared the lonely spot at which almost all of the robberies had taken

place. Standing his Winchester by his

side and placing his revolvers in his lap, he slowed up and peered cautiously

on either side. Suddenly, as he turned

a bend in the narrow pass, a figure loom-ed up in the center of the road and shout-

In an instant the agent had caught up

his revolvers, but before he could pull

the trigger the highwayman fired, and

the Francisco range of mountains.

babyish wonder.

for his trip.

purse to make the trip.

When the incoming coach from Volun-

driver that he could lay off a trip.

Y papa says at Santa Claus
Is going to bring to me
Another mamma, Christmas time,
And pap says at she
Is beautiful and good and kind
And says she hopes at I
Will like her awful much and learn
To love her by and by.

My papa's often seen her, and
He says her eyes are blue,
The same as mine is, and her checks
Has dimples in them, too,
And she ain't more an haif as old's
My other mamma was,
And papa says I ought to thank
Dear, kind old Santa Claus.

But I ain't glad and I don't want No other mamma here; I'd rather have him bring me back "You bet I'm your papa, and I take you as the most precious Christmas gift moral man ever got."

Fondly clasping the cooling baby in his gig brawny arms, he leaped from the Her back to me to stay.

HIS LETTER.

Dear Santa Claus: My papa says
You're going' to bring to me
Another mamma, Christmas time, Another mamma, Christmas time,
At's as sweet as she can be;
But I don't want no other one.
Don't put her in your pack—
But please, good Santa, won't you bring
My own dear mamma back?

If you can bring new mammas round. Why can't you find some way. To bring a boy's own mamma home. And give her to him, say? I don't want no new mamma here, At's as sweet as she can be—But bring my old one, Santa, dear, To papa and to me.
—Cleveland Leader.

Presents for the Poor. "In your Christmas purchasing do n

be tempted to forget those who, becau of their poverty, are unable to do any shopping either for themselves or for others." advises Frances E. Lanigan in with a bunch of holly. And to the little children in whose homes Christmas is little more than a name, send some of the many bright, new tin toys which are so inexpensive; some candy, some fruit, bright red woollen mittens and Tam o' Shanters, and, if you can afford it, some

life. Accompany your Christmas pres-

ents with some cheery Christmas greet-

its own reward, and that in the years to

come the memory of the Christmas when

you gave the most and received the least

will be the happiest of all memories to

A Hint for Girl Gifts.

gloves, and fine handkerchiefs give gen-

the latter especially when they are mark-ed with her own initials. Indeed, any

gift seems nicer and more especially in-

tended for just you if your initials are

Discovered.

"Papa," said little Petie, "does Kriss Kringle bring little boys toys ahead of

"No, my son," replied the father.

"I was a wonderin' what them ne

toys was I found away back in the loft behind the trunks."

Holiday Troubles.

portieres or a drawing room clock."-Chi-

Discouraging.

Yuletide Amenities.

they couldn't get anything more in it.

that all you got?-American Humorist.

Miss Pert-You poor thing! And was

on it.

Christmas?"

cago Record.

last year. - Puck-

"Why do you ask?"

band for a Christmas gift?"

line delight to a girl of restricted means;

SUGAR BEETS.

Conclusions From Experiments Con ducted by Oregon Agricultural Station-Industry in Washington.

The Oregon agricultural experiment station at Corvallis has issued a pamphlet in which it presents the conclusions reached after five years of investigation concerning beet sugar production in Oregon. It says three sections of the state are exceptionally well adapted to the industry, viz.: Union trade in seasonable lines has been af-Malheur county, in the vicinity, of Ontario, and Arcadia; Jackson county, in the vicinity of Medford, possessing as it does a large area capable of producing a very large supply of beets. Water, fuel and limestone are easily far the larger number of quotations and cheaply obtainable in each locality.

The most serious obstacle in any of ble feature of the general situation. these localities is the limited number of people available for field help at by agents, and a very large spring busishort notice, especially would this be true in Malheur county.

Western Oregon is not well adapted to the industry on account of the early fall rains and a soil which is very heavy and sticky, and tenacious to the beet when wet, and it also lacks a cheap lime supply. Beet growing in Malheur county

rigation similar to that in Utah. If beets are planted in the middle of April either in eastern or southern Ore- bushels in 1897, 3,524,826 bushels in gon nothing is gained by delaying har- 1896 and 2,056,043 bushels in 1895. vest later than the first week in Sep-

tember.

The Original Klein Wanzlebener and the Elite Klein Wanzlebener have and 118,809,197 bushels in 1898-99. proven themselves well adapted to the the Ladies' Home Journal. "Let your conditions in the Grande Ronde valley, for the week were only 210 as compresents to them be of a substantial char- and have both given good results in acter-a ton of coal, some warm clothing. Jackson county. The former has given week a year ago, 283 in 1897, and 359 some money, a box of groceries, or a the better results in the latter place. in 1896. basket of Christmas marketing, topped Each has given better results in each place than the Vilmorin.

In eastern Oregon beets may be left in the ground quite late without serious loss from second growth.

Beets for sugar production should not be planted on alkali soils.

Beets may be allowed to grow much done to put a stop to the holdups by the desperate highwaymen. So bold had the robbers become that not infrequently pasto their hands and knees and began to pretty gift for the little girl who has hold an excellent per cent of sugar. The hill lands of Jackson county are

not well adapted to the industry. The establishment of a sugar factory nakes possible a most excellent opportunity for a high development of the dairy industry. This is of no mean consequence when it is remembered that all three of the localities which present favorable conditions for the industry produce immense quantities of alfalfa, and yet ship in dairy products in large amounts. Why not produce them at home and supply the neighboring sections?

The establishment of a sugar factory means also the development of a large fuel and lime industry.

Waverly Sugar Factory. The new sugar factory at Waverly, Spokane county, Washington, began operations December 6. This is the first beet sugar factory to be built in this state, and the second in the Pacific \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; gra-Northwest. The farmers in the vicinity ham, per barrel, \$3.80; whole wheat of the factory raised about 400 acres of flour, \$3.10; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00. beets this year, the yield being 4 to 12 Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$16.00; For information, rates, etc., call on tons per acre. D. C. Corbin, of Spo-kane, owner of the factory is paying shorts, per ton, \$17.00. Feed—Chopped feed, \$20.50 per ton. \$4 per ton for beets containing 12 to 14 per cent of sugar and 33 1-3 cents per ton additional for each per cent of sugar avove 14. The average price for the entire crop is about \$4.50 per ton.

Taking the average yield as eight tons, half way between the extremes, this would give a gross return of \$36 per acre. The cost per acre of the beets delivered at the factory is in the neighborhood of \$25 to \$30. This leaves some profit to the average beet grower, and considerable to those whose beets give yields of 10 or 12 tons per acre. Another year, when the farmers know more of beet culture, and are in position to give their crops the attention they need, better results may fairly be expected. This is the ings and some Christmas greens. Be very beginning of an industry which will, sure that this thoughtfulness will bring if successful, become an important feature of Eastern Washington agriculture It will give the farmers of the Palouse country a profitable crop to grow in rotation with wheat. When the farmers have learned the value of sugar beet pulp as a stock feed, it will also Ribbons a trifle lighter and prettler doubtless result in an increase of live than economy would prompt, little turn stock on the wheat ranches in the viover collars of lawn and lace, light cinity of the factory.

Northwest Notes. Postmaster Winter, of Colville, has resigned.

Spokane saloons are compelled to

close at midnight now. The enrollment of pupils in Grande's public schools is 641, with 15

teachers. Dogs killed 26 head of sheep for Kentuck slough rancher in Coos county

"What do you intend to get your hus- th "I can't make up my mind whether to

give him lace curtains, a dinner set, new county clerk of Coos county, to succeed W. E. Rackleff, who violated the office-holders' rule that few die and none resign, by vacating the place last

Mr. Fangle (to Johnny Cumso)-Well, Johnny, are you praying for many Christ-Fairs of the second Southern Oregon district, embracing Coos, Curry ain't. I didn't get half what I prayed for and Douglas counties, have heretofore been held at Roseburg. This year an effort is to be made to have the fair Miss Antique-My stocking was so full

The Great Northern will keep 500 to 1.000 men employed all winter, and expend \$150,000 in laying new track and improving its right of way through Spokane. Besides this, new depots are to be constructed there, and new

bridges built. The Syrian colony of Tacoma is roused over outrages recently perpetrated on their countrymen. One of them, a peddler, was robbed by highwaymen a few days ago. Sometime previous another peddler had mysteriously disappeared, and they now think he was murdered and robbed, as he was known to carry quite a sum of money.

So now the colony is raising a fund to pay for a search for the missing peddler's body and discover in what manner he came to his death.

Tekoa graindealers are in a pool, nd refuse to sell wheat for less than TRADE QUIETING DOWN.

Undisturbed, However, by an Unfavor able Money Situation. Bradstreet's says: General trade in

wholesale and manufacturing lines is quieting down, but it is worth noting. It is undisturbed by the money situation, the influence of which has been confined to speculative circles. Holiday trade, on the other hand, has been given a decided impetus, and comparisons with the same period of preceding years are uniformly favorable, little doubt remaining that although retail fected in some localities by unfavorable weather, holiday specialties have enjoyed exceptional activity. As regards prices, it is a notable fact that as many staples have advanced this far the larger number of quotations have remained steady or firm. The strength of textiles is still a most nota-

Cotton goods are heavily sold ahead ness has already been booked. Raw cotton is firm and unchanged on the week, partly owing to the light receipts and to reaffirmation of a short crop estimated by the department of agriculture. Manufactured goods, where not advanced, are firmly held. Wheat, including flour, shipments

for the week aggregate 3,250,649 bushwould have to be under a system of ir- els, against 5,133,331 bushels last week, 6,243,659 bushels in the corresponding week last year, 4,464,399 Since July 1 this season, the exports of wheat aggregate 97,559,926 bushels against 109,720,853 bushels last year

Business failures in the United States pared with 220 last week, 234 in this

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Scattle Markets. Onions, new. \$1.00@1.25 per sack. Potatoes, new, \$16@20. Beets, per sack, 75@85c. Turnips, per sack, 60c. Carrots, per sack, 50c. Parsnips, per sack, 75@85c.

Cauliflower, 75c@\$1 per dozen. Cabbage, native and California, 75 @90c per 100 pounds. Peaches, 65@80c. Apples, \$1.25@1.50 per box.

Pears, \$1.00@1.25 per box. Prunes, 60c per box. Watermelons, \$1.50. Nutmegs, 50 @ 75c. Butter-Creamery, 32c per pound; dairy, 17@22c; ranch, 22c per pound.

Eggs-Firm, 30 @ 31c. Cheese-Native, 16c. Poultry-9@10c; dressed, 11@13c. Hay-Puget Sound timothy, \$12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$17.00@18.00

Corn-Whole, \$28.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton,

\$21; whole, \$22. Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.35; blended straights, \$3.10; California,

middlings, per ton, \$22; oil cake meal, per ton, \$32.00.

Portland Market.

Wheat - Walla Walla, 51@52e; Valley, 52c; Bluestem, 53c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.00; graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 34@35c; choice gray, 35c per bushel.

Barley-Feed barley, \$16@16.50; brewing, \$18.00@19.00 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16 per

Hay-Timothy, \$9@11; clover, \$7 @8; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Butter-Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 42 1/2 @ 45c; dairy, 37 1/2 @ 40c store, 25@35c. Eggs-18@20c per dozen.

Cheese-Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@

3.50 per dozen; hens, \$4.50; springs, \$2.00@3.50; geese, \$7.00@8.50 for old; \$4.50@6.50 for young; ducks, \$4.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 14@15c per pound. Potatoes-50@60c per sack; sweets,

2@2%c per pound.

Vegetables-Beets, \$1; turnips, 90c per sack; garlie, 7c per pound; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, \$1 beans, 5@6c per pound; celery, 70@ 75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@4c per pound; tomatoes, 75c per box; green corn, 121/2 @ 15c per dozen.

Hops-8@11c; 1898 crop, 5@6c. Wool-Valley, 12@13c per pound; Castern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@ 0c per pound.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers nd ewes, 3 1/4c; dressed mutton, 6 1/4 @ c per pound; lambs, 7 %c per pound. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; ight and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$5.50@6.00 per 100 pounds.

Beef-Gross, top steers, \$3.50 @ 4.00; cows, \$3@3.50; dressed beef, 61/2@ 7 % c per pound.

Veal-Large, 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2c; small, 8@ 8 1/2 c per pound. San Francisco Market.

Wool-Spring-Nevada, 12@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@12c. Hops-1899 crop, 11@120 pound. Onions-Yellow, 75@85c per sack

Butter-Fancy creamery 24@25c; do seconds, 22@24c; fancy dairy, 21 @22c; do seconds, 19@20c per pound. Eggs-Store, 25@27c; fancy ranch, Millstuffs - Middlings, \$17.00 @

20.00; bran, \$14@15.00. Hay-Wheat \$7,00@10; wheat and oat \$7.50@9.00; best barley \$5.00@ 7.50; alfalfa, \$5.00@7.50 per ton; straw, 35@45c per bale.

Potatoes-Early Rose, \$1-00; Oregon Burbanks, 60c@1.10; river Burbanks, 45@75c; Salinas Burbanks, \$1.00@1.25 per sack. Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencia \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00@

5.00; California lemons 75c@\$1.50; do choice \$1.75@2.00 per box. Tropical Fruits-Bananas, \$1.50@ 2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nom-inal; Persian dates, 6@6%c per

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