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A CHRISTMAS CHILD.

She came to me at Christmas time and made me mother, and it seemed There was a Christ indeed and he had given me the joy I'd dreamed.

She nestled to me, and I kept her near and warm, surprised to find The arms that held my babe so close were opened wider to her kind.

I hid her safe within my heart "My heart," I said, "Is all for you." But, lo! She left the door ajar and all the world came flocking through.

She needed me. I learned to know the royal joy that service brings; She was so helpless that I grew to love all little helpless things.

She trusted me, and I who ne'er had trusted save in self, grew, cold With panic lest this precious life should know no stronger, surer hold.

She lay and smiled and in her eyes I watched by narrow world grow broad, Within her tiny, crumpled hand I touched the mighty hand of God.

—Isabel E. Mackey.

THE JOURNAL'S WAY.

The Christmas holidays finds the Capital Journal cheerful, contented and optimistic. It has faith in the magnificent Willamette Valley and the great State of Oregon, and in the self-reliant and fearless men and women who are its citizens. The Journal has paid no attention to the, so called, panic. It has not reduced wages or laid off any of its employees. It has not tried to reduce expenses, but, instead, has voluntarily increased them, to give its readers better and fuller telegraph service. It has not bothered itself about Wall Street or Panama bonds, or the widely telegraphed opinions of jerk-water financiers. It has done business just as it always has, collecting what was due it, depositing its money in the bank and checking against its bank account to pay its bills, without entertaining a suspicion that the checks would not be paid. It has had confidence in the banks, and that confidence has been proved right. It hasn't worried, for it has seen nothing to worry about, and it has other fish to fry. It has attended to its own business and not loaded itself down with gamblers' troubles or frenzied financiers' walls. Its feet are still warm and are going to be kept that way. It is not afraid this country is going to the everlasting bow-wows, because the Wall Street sponge was squeezed. It has faith in God that He will send sunshine and rain and that the glad earth will again yield abundant harvest, and it has confidence in the sturdy people of Oregon that

they will gather for themselves and the world the super-abundance generously given by a prolific soil. It is not afraid of the future. It is a booster, not a knocker. Which are you?

GLEANED FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Some kind friend in Washington sends the editor the Daily Congressional Record.

We find it very interesting to read to our children on Sunday evenings, when it is too stormy to go to church, **AND WE WANT THEM TO GET TO BED IN GOOD SEASON.**

There are some good jokes in its pages, but most of them are jokes at the expense of their beloved constituents.

Each congressman seems to be inspired with a maddening desire to bankrupt the treasury and **THE ONLY WONDER IS IT HAS NOT GONE BROKE OFTENER.**

When we look over the weeks record it makes us sad to think that able men could not be there, but we suppose it has occurred to other politicians, that the people do not always make the best selections.

Edward Everett Hale, "the literary feller," is chaplain of the senate. There are five territories, including Alaska and Porto Rico. The delegate for the latter is Tullo Laridnaga.

ON THE FIRST DAY OVER 2,500 PRIVATE PENSION BILLS WERE INTRODUCED AT THE RATE OF 800 A MINUTE.

The president's message occupied 18 pages and his nominations to office during vacation of congress 27 pages. It was read by relays of clerks.

The rules of the 59th congress were adopted and made the rules of the 60th congress. They have been unchanged since the 51st congress, and provide that **100 MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.**

Pensions and claims are considered on Friday of each week.

A great deal of time could be saved by granting a pension for life to everyone who was ever connected with the army or the navy, **OR HIS WIFE, AND LET THAT END IT.**

Appointments to office and private pensions constitute two-thirds of the Congressional Record up to date.

Abraham Lot Brick is a congressman from Indiana. We hope his hair is not the color of his name and that the house will never make bats of him.

A bill has been introduced to grant pensions to the veterans in the Mexican Kickapoo Indian war, their widows and other survivors.

Congress has been in session three weeks and **TRANSACTIONED ALMOST NO PUBLIC BUSINESS. THANK GOD!**

Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas made the first big political speech in the senate December 11th. He is a new man in the upper chamber and evidently surprised his colleagues by saying **HE DID NOT PROPOSE TO SIT IN SILENCE UNTIL HIS HEAD WAS GRAY AND BALD AND HIS CONSTITUENTS HAD FORGOTTEN HIS EXISTENCE AND LOST SIGHT OF HIS IDENTITY.** This speech was a trust-buster in the key of high G. He showed that an age when money is placed above God, and he almost hit the bullseye.

OUR RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

Secretary Taft's visit to China and the various addresses which he delivered at Shanghai seem to have had a very favorable effect on the classes whose feeling constitutes whatever there is of public opinion in that empire. The Government is evidently much pleased that the United States does not propose to retain any part of the Boxer indemnity beyond what is sufficient to fully compensate for all material damage inflicted, including indemnities to the heirs of those murdered. There appears to be acceptance of the fact that we shall not relax our laws against the immigration of coolies and acquiescence in it. **IT IS DESIRED THAT OUR LAWS BE SO MODIFIED AS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF INDIGNITY TO OR DETENTION OF CHINESE UNDOUBTEDLY ENTITLED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES,** and if we can control the character of the appointments to Consulates in China there would seem to be no trouble about that. It is generally recognized by

Secretary Taft in one of his Shanghai addresses, that many of our Consuls in Chinese ports have been just plain ordinary rogues who are not to be trusted to give certificates entitling to entrance at our ports to perform any other function where bribery would be possible. It is believed, however, that that is a thing of the past.

With the exclusion of coolies accepted as our settled policy there is no possible ground of friction between this country and China. The treatment of Chinese coolies to tontry. In former years between officials whose duty it was to keep them our conditions existed under a rigidly rigid. The customs of the Chinese in the United States are such that evidence which could not be refuted could be given that a man was a "partner" in some actually existing mercantile speculation and yet that very same coolie would be at work as such within a week after landing. That was **A CONDITION WHICH HAD TO BE REPEATED EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR,** and it is no wonder that expatriated officials came to require the minutest observance of every technicality before passing an immigrant. Until he was passed he was in the hands of the steamship company, which maintains a "detention shed" where wharf which is permitted to be considered a part of the "ship" business, under very humiliating conditions, who were evidently not to enter but whose "papers" were technically insufficient. Previous to this had been made by "regulation," we think, which will prevent any such recurrence in the future.

But conditions are now quite different. The flood of Chinese immigration has been checked. A young coolie unable to speak English work in this country is self-evident here only as the result of fraud. It does not, apparently, pay for Chinese to run that risk. It is in the States is not at our ports but in China. We ought to be able to control the appointment of Consuls to China of such character that they could be accepted at our ports of entry. If we could have confidence in Chinese officials as to be sure that they would reciprocate in good faith with our Consuls, the whole business could be arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned. **THE GOOD WILL OF CHINA IS A TAINLY A VALUABLE ASSET. THE MORE OF THEIR INTERESTS WE HAVE IN OUR UNIVERSITIES THE BETTER IT WILL BE TO OUR CHINESE TRADE.** If the visit of Secretary Taft shall result in establishing such an international system of regulating Chinese immigration it will be well. And they we can apply it to Japan.

THE MESSAGE OF THE MISTLETOE.

Though I were bold as any knight
 Whose way was measured by his sword,
 Though I were foremost in the fight
 As any ancient Battle Lord,
 Although, like Darius, I might be
 The greatest warrior 'neath the skies,
 Still would I flinch, and turn and flee
 Before one pair of laughing eyes.

Their final challenge found me out,
 When Christmas came, with mantling snow.
 Why should an eager lover doubt
 The message of the mistletoe?
 For all the aid of Yuletide cheer
 That brought this happy thing to pass,
 I'll burn a candle all the year,
 Before your shrine, Saint Nicholas.

—Robert Gilchrist.

THE J. L. STOCKTON DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING BUSINESS

J. L. Stockton opened in business at Salem in 1900 with a full line of dry goods and clothing at 298-300 Commercial street with five clerks. In September 1903 he bought out the Tom Holverson stock and moved into the Old White Corner. September 22, 1904, he bought out the J. J. Dalrymple stock and the store was doubled in size, where he is still located and employs 20 clerks. He has a full line in all departments, and is one of the busiest men in Salem. Besides conducting a large and successful business, Mr. Stockton has devoted a great deal of time as a business man to the work of the city council and has rendered excellent service.

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