

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.
We wish you a Christmas
So happy and gay
That its memory will linger
For many a day.

We certainly appreciate the liberal and continued patronage of our many customers—And if our wishing would make it so, all good would come into each of your lives, this Christ's natal day.

Stockton

CHRISTMAS GLOOMY AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 25.—Anne Cottrill, President Wilson's favorite grand niece, was the center of attraction at the White House today. Gifts from a huge Christmas tree were distributed by the president. The party at the White House was composed of Francis B. Sayre and Mrs. Sayre, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo and Miss Margaret Wilson.

The capital this Christmas was not as gay as usual, the shadow of Europe's war being plainly apparent. The atmosphere about the various departments was particularly gloomy. Excepting Secretary of War Garrison, all the members of the cabinet spent Christmas in Washington. A municipal celebration held last night gladdened the hearts of thousands of poor children.

RICHMOND HAS A COMMUNITY TREE

Richmond, Va., Dec. 25.—Well-filled stockings for children, whose Christmas otherwise would have been gray and cheerless, were provided today by the community Christmas tree. A stately cedar, the largest the committee could find in the Virginia hills, was the Christmas tree around which hundreds of children gathered for Christmas services and to receive from a jolly old Santa Claus gifts dear to the heart of childhood.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 25.—The Belgian relief fund being raised by citizens of Oregon reached \$8,147.40 today. Provisions valued at \$15,041.25 have been contributed.

MANY BATTLES FOR MINOR POSITIONS

Fight Over Reading Clerk in Senate Is Warm and So Are Some Others

While chief interest seems to be centered in the struggle over the organization of the house of representatives of the coming legislature, in which Alton Eaton, of Lane county, refuses to concede the election of Ben Selling, of Portland, to the speakership, there is a very interesting little "scraps" on for the subordinate positions of the session, such as reading clerks, calendar clerks, chief clerks, etc., one of the most interesting of which is that for the job as reading clerk of the senate in which Frank Motter, of Portland, and W. A. Wiest, of Salem, are the principal contestants, and this fight is beginning to wax pretty warm.

Mr. Motter has been reading clerk of the senate for several successive sessions and it used to be conceded to him without opposition until the last session when he was defeated, much to his surprise, by John Huntley. He is an active candidate for the job again this session and, as usual, feels pretty sure of success. Mr. Wiest, however, is somewhat of an opinionated man himself and argues differently from his point of view. He is making a very vigorous campaign and says that he feels confident that it will be known that he has been in the race after the votes are counted, and somebody is going to be surprised. Mr. Wiest is making his campaign upon the platform of economy and reform and is sending out some very interesting and "eye-opening" statistics to the members of the senate in support of his candidacy.

In pledging himself to the members of the senate Mr. Wiest promises to ask for no more salary or allowance above the regular salary due him under the constitution and the law, which provides a daily compensation of \$6 for the 10 days' session. It has been the custom, since time immemorial, when the session adjourned to make up the payroll and allow all of the desk clerks and the great majority of the committee clerks "full time, and in some instances as much as 30 days' overtime on full pay. Last session this form of "graft" amounted to approximately \$21,000, more than the rest of the entire session for the members, and in looking up the records of past sessions Mr. Wiest has tabulated some of the results.

During the 1909 session, as shown by the senate journal, Mr. Motter as reading clerk was paid for a total of 71 days, or 20 days' overtime, at \$6 per day, amounting to \$426, and during the 1911 session he was paid for a total of 81 days, or 29 days' overtime, out of a session of 11 days, and received \$486 for his services. During the 1909 session he received pay for 20 days' overtime more than the balance of the desk clerks of the senate, and for the 1911 session, according to the figures compiled by Mr. Wiest, 29 days' overtime more than was allowed the rest.

Mr. Wiest is making his campaign on the ground that there is too much waste of the taxpayers' money in this regard and hopes to work a reform at least so far as this feature of the session is concerned. He is a young man, 28 years of age, a graduate of the state normal school of the class of 1907, and has held many responsible teaching positions during the past seven years, having been principal of one of the Salem schools for three years. He feels that he is in every way qualified to fill the position and is confident that he will be successful.

Another interesting contest for a clerkship in the senate for the coming session is that between Glen Holman, of Polk county, and Theodore Rowland, of Marion county, who are after the position of calendar clerk. Mr. Holman has held clerical positions in the legislature for a great many sessions, but Mr. Rowland, who is simply qualified to fill the position and is making an active campaign for it, feels very confident that he will win out in the race. Mr. Rowland is temporarily employed in the state engineer's department as an engineer draftsman.

WE HAVE WITH US C. CHAN OF CANTON

Pittsburgh, Dec. 25.—C. Y. Chan, of Canton, China, today holds the distinction of being the first Chinese, so far as is known, to preside as toastmaster at a gathering of American college men. Chan is a student at the school of mines, University of Pittsburgh, and when 75 of the students decided recently he was named for toastmaster. Chan has a sparkling wit and quick tongue and is popular as an after-dinner speaker.

DIED

SMITH—At his home one and one-half miles south of Marion, Elias G. Smith, at 7:30 p. m., December 24. He leaves a wife, one son, W. M. Smith, of this city and one daughter, Mrs. Nate C. Hubbs of Marion. The remains are at Riphan & Richardson parlors. Funeral Saturday at 2 o'clock at the parlors.

\$40,000 FOR BELGIANS.

New York, Dec. 25.—Henry Claws, multi-millionaire banker, today called American Ambassador Page at London \$40,000 to aid homeless Belgians. This amount was raised by \$1,000 subscriptions. Johnson Forbes-Robertson, the actor, telegraphing from San Francisco, said the receipts of his performance there today would go to the Belgian fund.

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IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS

(N. Y. Sun, Dec. 21, 1897.)
"We take pleasure in answering at once and thus promptly the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:
"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say that there is

no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"
"VIRGINIA O'HANLON."
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge."
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished."
"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? No-

body sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see babies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are accessible in the world."
"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is

it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and so abiding."
"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood!"

"SAM" LOWENGART DEAD.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 25.—Samuel Lowengart, prominent business man, who came to Oregon 55 years ago, is dead today at the age of 80.
Mrs. Carl W. Jacobs, of San Francisco, is one of his seven children.



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