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"NOEL" CAROLS STILL SUNG

The Spirit of Christmas Eve

PAEANS OF REJOICING

Recall the Shepherds on Bethlehem's Plains

WHAT MODERN YULETIDE LACKS

Distinctive Atmosphere of Olden Days Lost Through Neglect.—Pennsylvania Germans in a Few Places Still Make the Night Beautiful With Their Songs.

HOW much the modern Christmas lacks of the flavor and atmosphere that made the Yuletide of the long ago a distinctive feast, and how much, even at its best, the American Christmas has always fallen short of the holiday of Merrie England, says the New York

Evening Post. Perhaps nothing has been more sadly to seek than the songs of the waits, who made the frosty night air resound to the strains of the carols of "Nowell" in every English village and town. There are few places in this country where such a custom, even in modified form, prevails.

One town in Pennsylvania has always done its best to preserve the spirit if not the actual conditions of the custom. "How clearly it all comes back to me," said the woman who longed in her absence from the scenes of youth for the repetition of just one more Christmas eve. "In our town it was the fashion for a chorus of men, members of church choirs, who volunteered their services, to start out about midnight and drive from street to street, singing Christmas hymns before the houses of the various ministers. Luckily for us, our home stood midway between the Presbyterian manse and the Methodist parsonage, so that we had the benefit of two serenades.

"How well I recall the eagerness with which we children listened for the first sound of the accompanying cornet, piercingly shrill and sweet in the night air. If one by any chance had fallen asleep, heavy-eyed, after the long waiting, she was aroused by a vigorous shaking from the more alert, and angry, indeed, would she have been had she been allowed to sleep undisturbed. Of course, we listened first for what was to us children the dearest Christmas song of all, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." We knew them all, word for word, and felt defrauded if a single favorite were omitted. There was "Brightest and Best," with its lovely baritone melody; "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," with its detailed narrative of the wonderful vision, on the plains of Bethlehem; "Joy to the World," a splendid psalm of rejoicing, and ever so many more.

Of course, there was the children's
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BLOOMS OUTDOORS IN THE SNOW

Christmas Rose The Most Interesting Plant of The Winter.—Flowers From December To March.

THE most surprising plant of winter is the Christmas rose, which blooms out doors amid the snow, and unfortunately, for that very reason, is not properly appreciated, because so few of us have sufficient energy to go out into the garden and brush away the snow. The true Christmas rose, *Helleborus niger*, flowering from December to March, is by all odds the most interesting member of this curious family, all the members of which produce their flowers sometime during the winter or early spring before the very earliest flowers open.

The Christmas rose has evergreen foliage, grows about a foot high, and the pure white flowers, borne two to three on a stalk, are usually about two inches across; but in the variety *altifolius* they may even attain as much as five inches and they appear in November. A smaller plant, with flowers correspondingly smaller, is var. *angustifolius* and this flowers after the turn of the year. The ordinary form of Christmas rose can be bought in this country and is usually ready for delivery in March if the ground is open enough. The other best time to move it is September. It does not like interference, and will not be seen at its best until about two years after transplanting.

IM LIEBEN VATERLAND

Night Before Christmas Streets Are Deserted

BERLIN CELEBRATES AT HOME

Trees For Rich And Poor.—Soldiers In Barracks, Patients In Hospitals, Engineers In Roundhouse All Have Their Tannenbaum.

ON Christmas Eve the streets of Berlin are deserted, save for the cars and omnibuses and cabs, and an occasional policeman, and from behind the blinds of the windows of the great blocks of flats twinkle the candles on the Christmas trees, throwing out their little beams into the darkness of the night, as did the star to the shepherds nearly two thousand years ago.

For weeks before the festival thousands and thousands of trees are brought by rail and water from the forests of Thuringia and Mecklenburg to the capital where they are sold by dealers on the public squares and places. In the last fortnight before Christmas the trim grass plots vanish beneath a forest of Christmas trees ranged up in endless lines, each resting on a roughly tacked-together, deal wood stand. And here from eight in the morning till eight at night, the millionaire captain of industry, the uniformed official, the bespectacled professor, and the miserably paid hungry looking school teacher rub shoulders, haggling and bargaining over their Christmas tree. The latter can be had at all prices, from sixty marks for a forest king to sixty pfennigs for a stunted dwarf. The one may be destined to be hung with coruscating electric lights and decked with diamonds for the banker's wife, the other feebly illuminated with farthing dials and miserably trick-out with a handful of nuts for the workman's family. The men on duty at the electric plant stations on Christmas Eve have their tree, as do the engine-drivers as they sit in their quarters at the railway yards waiting for the night shifts.

The soldiers in their barracks, the sailors at sea, the patients in the hospitals, the convicts in the prisons, even the poor, miserable wretches, the submerged tenth, covering about the fires in the refuges for the homeless—they all have their *Tannenbaum* at this holy season of the year. In the German colonies, under a tropical sun, where the cactus must perforce replace the native fir, Christmas celebrations are held and the same songs sung as at home *im lieben Vaterland*.

THE ONE ESSENTIAL FACT.

THE one great and essential fact about Christmas is this: That it is the celebration of a birthday, says the Ladies' Home Journal. Hence, we will do well to have in remembrance Him for whom the day is named and in whose honor it is appointed to be kept. And, having in mind the shepherds and the stable, we will remember how his life, begun in simplicity, was lived to the end of it in accordance with this beginning. He was brought up in a country town, learned the trade of a carpenter, made friends with peasants and fisherman, lived mostly outdoors under the sky, and loved the hills and the fields and the white roads and the flowers. He was the most natural and unconventional of men. He despised artifice and pretense. He was startlingly sincere, scandalizing His stiff and proper neighbors by the freedom of His speech and act. They tested Him by their traditional standards and condemned Him. He differed from them as a tree differs from a cord of wood, as a mountain stream differs from a canal. He was akin to the wind and the fire. His neighbors were akin to the solid benches on which they sat in the synagogue.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

OH, is it only childish sight That in the dreamland of the blue Still sees the Vision and the height, And blindly knows the Dreams come true?

If it is only children now Who keep this wisdom lost to us, That seek the mocking Where and How Of stars once soft and tremulous—

O Thou who wast a child and clung Unto the dream that never dies, Keep us for all our blindness, young, And make us like Thy children, wise!
—ARTHUR STRINGER.

At Christmas play, and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.
—THOMAS TUSSEER.

And a Little Child Shall Lead Them.



O Little Town of Bethlehem.

O little town of Bethlehem!
How still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us to-day,
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us,
O Lord Emmanuel!
—Phillips Brooks.

FROM the very beginning, the little child has been the salvation of humanity. He has been the most powerful factor in the spiritual uplift of the race. The history of mankind, in all its aspects of civilization and progress is the history of childhood. Every human institution has developed from the family; the entire social structure rests upon the preservation of its integrity. And in the child the family finds its reason for being. It came into existence for his sake and for him it must endure.

"And a little child shall lead them." That is, indeed, an eternal truth. The child has led the race up from the night of barbarism. Civilization dawned when the family cohered into an organic unit with the offspring as the very purpose of its existence. It has been said that the great law of social evolution is the prolongation of the period of infancy. The longer the child is the object of the

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TRUE SPIRIT OF DAY

May Be Found In Most Humble Church Service

BY LOVER OF REAL CHRISTMAS

Simple Deckings of Holly Wreaths And Garlands a Friendly Congregation And a Kindly Clergyman Make a Happy Beginning.

HAPPY is the man or woman who, having left behind the school days and the home gatherings, still sings the old hymns and joins in the reading of the Christmas chapters in some simple church service, designed to perpetuate the true spirit of the day. "What I am looking for is a church where the Christmas celebration does not consist of elaborate choir music, with possibly a sacred cantata to draw a crowd, a stereotyped sermon, an elaborate altar decorated with expensive poinsettias, and a huge crowd of over-dressed people for congregation, or, I might better say, for audience." So runs the plaint of one lover of a real Christmas.

"Give me a snug little church, dressed for the holidays in greens, wreaths of holly, long hanging garlands of ground pine and laurel, perhaps rather awkwardly, but none the less lovingly, arranged by interested church members, not by a hired florist, and filling the building with the breath of outdoors and the woods. I want some trees on the pulpit, and high overhead a blazing star of fire, shining out into the semi-twilight of the building. I want to rise in the starlighted darkness of a properly frosty Christmas morning, and in everyday clothes, wearing mittens, if I choose, and my second-best hat, walk briskly through quiet streets to the church, and join the waiting congregation. There won't be a crowd. There will be no display. Only a few score of those to whom Christmas means a wonderful reality will be there. And there will be congregational singing, lots of it, and we'll run the gamut of the hymns of the Nativity. We'll read the appropriate Scripture responsively, and listen to the Christmas story told once again by the kindly voice of the unpretentious clergyman who stands under the blazing star. And then we'll separate quietly, in the brightening dawn for a day made happier by so auspicious a beginning."

"With merry hearts and joyful songs
We hail the Christmas morn,
Again we hear from angel tongues,
The tidings: Christ is born."

HOW THE HYMN WAS WRITTEN

THE beautiful and world-famous Christmas carol published on this page of THE CHRONICLE was written by the famous Episcopal Clergyman, the late Rev. Phillips Brooks. Dr. Brooks received the inspiration for the hymn one evening in the Christmas week of 1865 while riding on the plains of Bethlehem from which the shepherds beheld the Star. The circumstances in which they were set to music are related by Mr. Lewis H. Redner, lately deceased, who in 1868 was organist at Holy Trinity, Dr. Brooks' church in Philadelphia.

"As Christmas of 1868 approached," he said, "Mr. Brooks told me that he had written a simple little carol for the Christmas Sunday-school service, and he asked me to write the tune to it. We were to practice it on the following Sunday. I thought more about the Sunday-school lesson than I did about the music. But I was roused from sleep late in the night, hearing an angel-strain whispering in my ear, and, seizing a piece of music paper, I jotted down the treble of the tune as we now have it, and on Sunday morning before going to church I filled in the harmony."

BRIGHTEST AND BEST.

BRIGHTEST and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid:
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid:
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

NO STOCKINGS HUNG UP

Italian Christmas In New York

OLD WORLD CUSTOMS

Witch Brings The Gifts Not Santa Claus

BUT NOT ON DAY WE CELEBRATE

Spirit of The Season May Be Found In Tenements.—Soap Box To Represent The Stable.—Noah's Ark Animals And Wax Figures For Holy Family.

UNLESS it has adopted American customs, the Italian family has no tree, nor do the youngsters hang up their stockings at Christmas time. Gifts are reserved until Three Kings' Day or Epiphany, twelve days later, commemorating the tokens which the Magi brought to Bethlehem. And then it is not Santa Claus, but an old witch who brings them—"La Befana" among northern Italians, "La Vecchia strenna" among Sicilians—and she hides them about the house so that the children must ransack every corner to be sure of their dues.

If the older folks exchange any gifts at Christmas it is usually something to eat—some of the indispensable dishes of the season. Among the exiles from Lombardy the three most important are *panettone*, a plain cake; *borroni*, sticks of candy imbedded with nuts, and *panforte*, a cake of many and wonderful ingredients, as acceptable to the taste as it is hard on the digestion. Among the Genoese the great Christmas standby is the *pane dolce*, a cake of huge proportions and innumerable constituents.

But although the Italian child hangs no stocking and dances around no spangled evergreen on Christmas Eve, he has a celebration of his own than which there are few prettier in connection with the season. In the churches it is seen in a larger and more nearly perfect way, but it is never so impressive as in the simple homes of a thousand tenements throughout the greater city.

Let us climb a few flights of stairs, knock at a battered door, and see this celebration. Crowded into three rooms, none of them more than ten by twelve feet, is a family of six, with its worldly all piled in corners and along the sides of the room. On the walls, a calendar with a brewing company's advertisement at the bottom and some gaudy chromos. On the mantel, china statuettes of the Virgin and Christ crucified, an ornate parlor clock which stopped running the night after its purchase, and a tumbler of oil with ever-burning wick 'neath a print picture of the patron saint of the village back on the Mediterranean whence the family came. In the centre of the room, a table covered with a white cloth.

CHRIST'S MISSION TO HUMANITY

He Is the Great Light For Which The Prophets Prayed Teaching All Mankind to Know the True God.

BUT at last the great Light for which the prophets of Israel had sighed and prayed, and towards which even the pagan sages had stretched forth their hands with eager longing, arose and shone unto them "that sat in darkness and in the shadow of death." The truth concerning our Creator, which had hitherto been hidden in Judea, that there it might be sheltered from the world-wide idolatry, was now proclaimed, and in far greater clearness and fullness unto the whole world.

Jesus Christ taught all mankind to know the one true God, a God existing from eternity unto eternity, a God who created all things by his power, who governs all things by his wisdom, and whose superintending providence watches over the affairs of nations as well as of men, "without whom not even a bird falls to the ground." He proclaimed a God infinitely holy, just and merciful. This idea of the Deity, so consonant to our rational conceptions, was in striking contrast with the low and sensual notions which the pagan world had formed of its divinities. The religion of Christ imparts to us not only a sublime conception of God, but also a rational idea of man and of his relations to his creator.—JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS.

NEW ERA IN POLITICS

Congress Now Feels The Change And It Hurts

TAFT WILL CARRY OUT REFORMS

Takes up Work Started By Roosevelt But is Loyal to the Constitution.— Sympathetic Attitude Towards The South.

Congress has concluded its brief, tempestuous ante-holiday session. It is not tired, but it will rest for ten days. That is, if Christmas festivities mean rest for legislators or for anybody. Many will remain in Washington during the holidays. Those especially, whose homes are far away, will endure life at the Capital, because railroad passes, formerly distributed with such lavish design and purpose, are no longer available.

Congress, or at least, some Congressmen are as mad as can be. The elections are over and an unusually large percentage of seasoned members of Congress has been continued in the national legislature. Those of the Republican majority have mostly won their places by vociferating from many stumps their unbounded and unqualified faith in the Roosevelt policies, aims, aspirations, Big Stick and everything. But they no sooner got back to Washington than the Big Stick is flourished over them and poked in their ribs. This, of course, is not nice. It is true that the President has been doing the same thing more or less, for seven years and three months and that the country has been so delighted with it, that it was only prevented by strategy from nominating him for a third term.

We have entered a new political era. It is difficult for Speaker Cannon and for some other much younger men to realize the political revolution of the last seven years. It is said that revolutions do not go backward. It may be said of this one, the end is not in sight. Seven years was too short a period to mature the radical reforms that have been outlined, but not completed. The reforms have been bequeathed to a successor selected by the man who originated them, and faith is strong that President-elect Taft will be able to carry them to a successful accomplishment. He has profound convictions and it is believed that he is not the man to surrender them. One of these convictions is absolute loyalty to the Constitution. No other President has had a more varied training for the high station to which the people have chosen him than has Mr. Taft.

In one respect the President-elect has an advantage over any of his predecessors for the last fifty years. He has had considerable contact with the South and is respected and trusted by that section of the country. While on the Bench, his circuit included Kentucky and Tennessee. There he met distinguished men from all sections of the country and came to know and appreciate them as the peers of anybody in the United States.

It is more than probable that he will bestow some of the vacancies on the Supreme Bench, which are almost sure to occur during his presidency, on one or more distinguished jurists from the South. The President-elect had his birth and rearing within a stone's throw of a Southern State and of all the Presidents since Lincoln, he is best acquainted with southern character. He knows the South better than Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison or McKinley did, for their acquaintance with the South was made amid clash of arms and not, as in the case of Taft, in temples of justice and in polite social intercourse.

THE BEATIFICATION OF PIUS IX.

Commission to Establish Worth of Late Prelate Now Engaged in the Necessary Research.

An extraordinary commission appointed by Pope Pius X. to determine whether Pope Pius IX. be worthy of sainthood is holding its sessions in the bishop's palace at Imola. Pius IX. was made Bishop of Imola in 1832 by Pope Gregory XVI. In 1840 he became a cardinal, and six years later he was elected pope. The work of the commission is called the process of beatification, and is a necessary preliminary to canonization. The commission is charged with the duty of inquiring into the most minute detail of the life of the late pontiff. It will remain several months at Imola, and it must also make inquiries at all places identified with the career of Pius IX.

When the investigation has been completed the commission will present its evidence in Rome, where, according to traditional usage it will be opposed by the "Devil's Advocate," who will try to prove that, notwithstanding the evidence secured by the commission, the life of the pontiff was such as to disbar him from canonization. Briefs on both sides of the case will then be laid before the present pope will preside. He will also decide whether the beatification is proved, in which case he will issue a pontifical decree authorizing the canonization and appointing a date for the ceremony.

PRACTICAL HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To make almond brittle: One cupful of granulated sugar, one cupful of chopped almonds, a piece of butter size of a walnut. Melt the sugar and butter and stir in the nuts. Pour into a buttered tin.

Three teaspoonfuls equal one tablespoonful. Four tablespoonfuls equal a quarter of a cupful, or half a gill.

If grease spots on the table cloth are lightly touched with household ammonia and the stained portion of the cloth ironed over a piece of clean white blotting paper, all traces of the grease should vanish.

Pieces of stale bread nicely browned and crushed with a rolling pin make an economical substitute for the usual egg and breadcrumbs in frying fish or cutlets.

Scissors are a useful article to have in the kitchen for preparing a salad or getting vegetables ready for dinner.

Grover Cleveland Kirk, school teacher, artist and law student of Hancock, Allegany county, lays claim to the rather questionable distinction of being a third cousin of Aaron Burr.

ELEPHANT IS A WISE BEAST

Easy to Train And a Willing Worker.— He Loves Soothing Words And Likes To Bathe.

Sagacity seems a strong word to apply to an elephant, but certainly the tales of those who best know the beast would justify the term. It is said that the elephants in Indian will besmear themselves with mud as a protection against insects, and that they will break branches from the trees and use them to brush away the flies. If this is true, it shows something beyond instinct in the elephant; it shows reflection.

It is surprising how simple is the training of a newly captured elephant and how soon the animal can be taught to work. For the first three days, which is usually the time before they will eat freely, the elephant is left quiet with perhaps a tame animal near him to give him confidence in his surroundings. If there be many to be tamed at the same time each captive is stalled between the tame ones as soon as he eats his food naturally. When this state of training is reached the tamer and his assistants station themselves one on each of the four sides with long pointed sticks in their hands. A tame elephant also assists in case he is needed. The men at the sides rub the animal's back, soothing him with such epithets as "Ho, my son," "Ho, my father," "Ho, my mother," which seem to have a calming effect. The next step is to take the animal to the tank to bathe, which is accomplished at first with the aid of tame elephants. After a time he can be taken alone, but as the process of taming depends upon the individual disposition of the beast the time of preliminary training differs.

A newly tamed elephant is first put at the task of treading clay in a brick field or drawing a wagon in double harness with a tame elephant. But the place where it shows the greatest amount of sagacity is in moving and carrying heavy weights.

CARING FOR THE FADED FINERY

Should Go To Tub Or Cleaner When Soiled.—Keeping The Veil In Good Condition.

Faded or mussed finery is inexcusable, and anything that is soiled should go into the tub or to the cleaners. Tub washing will accomplish wonders with some of the things for doing up which the cleaner charges more than they are worth. Irish crochet lace washes beautifully and bleaches perfectly in the sun. It should be spread out on a thick ironing blanket, every detail of the pattern picked out carefully, and then pressed under a linen towel. Finer laces must be handled with the greatest delicacy, but it is surprising to see what one can do with lace at home. Yellowish lace should be dipped in tea or, if very dark, in coffee. If a thread is broken or shows weakness, it should be replaced before it becomes a rent which will require the art of an expert lace-maker to repair.

While a veil is new it can be kept in good condition if it is folded carefully each time after using and pinned in the folds, then placed in a box or sachet folder that will cause it to retain its smoothness. If it should show a stain, which sometimes comes from toilet powder, it must be dipped in alcohol, then pinned in the window where the sun will dry it.

BUTCHERING DOWN IN PARAGUAY

Men Kill The Beef With a Cutlass But The Women Do The Rest.

The butchers in all parts of Paraguay are women. In the public slaughter houses the cattle are dispatched by men, who sever the spinal column by cutting it with a sharp cutlass just behind the nape of the neck. When the animal falls to the ground its throat is cut and it is allowed to bleed to death. This is the only part of the work done by men. The animal is skinned and otherwise prepared by women. The carcasses are then conveyed to the butchers' stalls, where the meat is cut up and saved by women, who are dexterous in the use of the saw and knife. It is then served out to the customers, also by women—not generally by weight but by the piece.

AGITATING CHEAP TELEGRAMS

Henniker Heaton, Postal Reformer, Making Campaign In England For Reduction Of Rates.

Henniker Heaton, who is largely responsible for cheap postage in England and to whom we are mainly indebted for 2-cent postage to Great Britain, is making a campaign for penny-a-word telegrams. He claims that telegraph and cable rates are so high that the lines are employed only in urgent cases, where the sender does not entertain the question of expense. A cheap rate would immensely increase the number of messages to the benefit of the companies and the business men who would use the wires more freely.

A company in New England operating a rapid automatic system transmits messages of twenty-five words for 25 cents, or a letter of fifty words for the same amount, or a ten-word message for 10 cents.

American Beats World Records in Air.

Wilbur Wright, the American airplane expert, of Dayton, Ohio, broke all records with his flying machine in France last week. He remained in the air one hour 53 minutes and 51 seconds, beating the best previous record by 22 minutes and 8 seconds. He also made a sensational flight in a strong wind, reaching the unprecedented height of 360 feet.

Says Uncle Sam Has No Right to Appeal.

The Standard Oil Company in its brief filed in the United States Supreme Court contends that the Government has no right of appeal from the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals which reversed the twenty-nine million dollar fine.

In withholding from Switzerland the benefits of deposits of coal, nature has attempted to compensate by providing abundant water power to the extent of 1,000,000 horsepower (estimated) within the confines of the Confederation, which contain but 16,000 square miles.

P. O. SERVICE CHANGES

Committee Would Create A Director Of Posts

WOULD IMPROVE DEPARTMENT

Scheme Is to Do Away With Four Assistant Postmasters.—Member of Cabinet to Have Charge of Finances.—Other Changes.

The report of the joint Committee on the business methods of the Post Office Department, recommending an administrative head for that Department under the title of "Director of Posts," and including the draft of a bill for the reorganization of the Postal Service, came up before Congress last week. The joint committee has had this report under consideration for the past two years. The Committee recommends a Director of Posts to be given the general management of the postal service, while the cabinet minister now known as the Postmaster General, will confine his attention especially to the postal finances. It is also proposed to do away with the offices of the four assistant postmasters general and to reappportion the work under seven separate bureaus. This, of course, will revolutionize and it is hoped, greatly improve the postal service. It is beginning to be generally recognized that this service in the United States is far behind the services of other civilized countries, especially those of England, France and Germany. Under the new regime it is proposed to divide the country into postal districts on administrative not geographic lines. Fourth-class offices are to be placed on a salary basis and postal money orders without advice are recommended for sums of \$5 and less.

WHERE THE CRANBERRIES GROW

Best Come From Cape Cod.—More Than Six Hundred Thousand Bushels Marketed Every Year.

The greatest quantity of cranberries used in this country comes from Cape Cod, in Massachusetts, where the very best berries are found. Every year more than six hundred thousand bushels are marketed. If the Emmitsburg price, 20 cents a quart, rules everywhere the consumers have paid this year three million eight hundred and forty thousand dollars for their cranberry sauce.

New Jersey has a somewhat larger acreage than Cape Cod, but for all that does not raise so many berries. Long Island yields some berries, and so do Pennsylvania, Delaware, several of the Southern States, Michigan, Wisconsin, Washington and California. A promising rival to the famed Cape Cod bogs is found in the submerged meadows of Oregon, where the cranberry flourishes almost as vigorously as it does in the land of the codfish.

EXPECT LITTLE THIS SESSION

Congress Will Consider Appropriation Bills Only.—Special Session to Tinker With Tariffs.

It is becoming daily more evident that there will not be much legislation beyond the appropriation bills during the present session of Congress, and that important legislation that has been recommended by the Executive and approved in the Republican platform, will be deferred for at least a year. The special session which is to be called after the Fourth of March, it is expected, will confine its attention strictly to tariff revision.

TROUBLE ON PANAMA CANAL.

Great Gatun Dam Probably a Failure And \$150,000,000 Additional Must Be Spent.

It is probable that a serious error has been made in the plans for the Panama Canal. The great Gatun Dam which was designed to impound the waters of the Chagres River is now believed to be impracticable owing to an underground stream which has been discovered beneath the bed of the river. It will cost one hundred and fifty million dollars over the estimates to change to a sea level canal. Before construction work began some of the most celebrated civil engineers in the world advised against attempting the Gatun Dam. Mr. Taft wants to go down to Panama to investigate.

Somebody Soaked Lord Baltimore.

The Committee of the City Council of Baltimore which is investigating the secret purchase by the Water Board of the Warren mill property in Baltimore county, heard expert evidence on Tuesday tending to prove that the water power for which the city is to pay \$340,000, is worth, in fact only \$15,000.

Wants To Succeed Senator Knox.

Representatives John Dalzell and James F. Burke, J. V. Thompson and Banker Oliver, all of Pittsburgh, Pa., are candidates to succeed Senator Knox who will be Secretary of State in Mr. Taft's cabinet. Mr. Thompson is said to be worth sixty million dollars. It needs a big war to get elected Senator in Pennsylvania.

They Had Slaves in New Hampshire.

Among the interesting facts brought out by the republication of the census of 1790 is the presence of 153 "slaves" among the population of New Hampshire in that year. Slavery was formally abolished by New Hampshire's constitution of 1784, but the custom seems to have survived the institution.

What Would a Poor Democrat Do?

Chairman Norman E. Mack, of the Democratic National Committee, states that Mr. Bryan will not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1912. Mr. Mack does not say what he would do if Mr. Bryan should change his mind.

The sugar makers of Brazil under natural conditions, with the aid of improved methods, could not only undersell the world in the markets of Brazil but could export immense quantities of their product at present prices and make handsome profits.

Every English family has at least one weak-minded member, according to a London medical magazine.

TUBERCULOSIS SICK LACK COTS

Report of National Association Shows That There Are 585,000 Patients Without Them.

In a statement issued by the National Association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis after an investigation of the need of beds for destitute consumptives in the United States it is declared that there are only fifteen thousand beds for 600,000 patients, or forty consumptives for every bed. Statistics gathered from every State in the country show that the total number of beds provided by both private and public sources is less than 15,000, while the number of living cases of tuberculosis in the United States is shown to be over 600,000.

The investigation also shows that there are only 500 beds in the entire United States which are available for advanced cases of tuberculosis, which the national association designates as the centers of infection and spread of the disease. It further shows that there are over 100,000 cases of tuberculosis in the United States in the advanced stages of the disease who should be provided for in hospitals and for whom no provision has been made. The national association affirms that consumption will never be eradicated until the advanced cases are isolated, and when this is done there will be an annual saving of lives in this country of 100,000.

THE CARDINAL IS INTERESTED

Writes In Regard to Recent Manifestation at the Grave of Bishop Curtis His Old Friend.

It is reported that Cardinal Gibbons has written to the Convent of the Visitation at Wilmington, Delaware, asking for particulars in regard to the recent manifestation at the grave of Bishop Alfred Curtis.

The Mother Superior has thus described the incident: "Two orphan girls, each 10 years, whom we are rearing, had been trying for some time to catch birds in the enclosure of the convent without success. Finally one of them suggested that as they were both friends of the late Bishop Curtis, they pray over the grave for God to send the birds to them. They were surprised, therefore, when the birds alighted on them and permitted the children to take them into the convent. This occurred right after their prayer had been offered."

The interest that Cardinal Gibbons is taking in the case is due, primarily, to the fact that Bishop Curtis was, for a number of years and up to the time of his death, secretary to the Cardinal. He lived with the Cardinal and his household in Baltimore.

NOTES OF THE SPORTING WORLD

"Reddy" Foster, once a baseball star and member of the New York Giants committed suicide in Richmond, Va., last Saturday.

Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson (colored) meet to-morrow at Sydney, New South Wales, to settle the heavy-weight world's championship.

A quarter-mile running track has been laid out at the Naval Academy for the midshipmen athletes. It will be one of the finest tracks in the country.

Kid Elberfeld will not play with the New York Americans next year. Although nothing is known of the condition of his foot, which was spiked twice last season, a stiff price is held up for his release. Elberfeld wants to go to Washington.

A new world's record for one mile and a furlong, circular track, was made at Santa Anita Park, Los Angeles, California, when Vox Populi, carrying 110 pounds, won the Golden State Handicap for 3-year-olds and upward. He ran the distance in 1.50 flat, which is three-fifths of a second faster than the best previous time, made by Charles Edward at Brighton Beach, N. Y., two years ago.

Thomas McInerney, the veteran wrestler, who appeared under the name of Tom Clayton was beaten in Cumberland, Md., last week by Fred M. Kalmbach, the local wrestler, who claims the middle-weight championship of Maryland. Kalmbach put McInerney down in four minutes in the second bout, and in two minutes by a half-nelson and a croch hold in the third. The bout was catch-as-catch-can for \$100 and 75 per cent. of the gate receipts.

Revenue From Football.

The returns of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company for traffic and earnings from the Yale-Harvard football game last month show that the passengers carried were 39,777, as compared with 41,454 passengers for the Yale-Harvard game two years ago. The revenue received from football passengers on the steam road was \$71,299, as compared with \$62,901 from the Yale-Harvard game of 1906.

Andy Wants No Protective Tariff.

Before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, which is engaged with hearings on the revision of the tariff, Andrew Carnegie, who holds the bulk of the first mortgage bonds of the Steel Trust, said that the steel industry in this country needs no protective tariff and can compete in all the markets in the world.

May Abolish the Secret Service.

President Roosevelt has under consideration a plan to abolish the Secret Service and consolidate all the detective bureaus of the government under the Department of Justice with the title of Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Capturing giant turtles seems to be a profitable business along the Maine coast. A 1,500-pound one was recently taken in those waters, and so great a curiosity was it that the two captors promptly exchanged it for a perfectly good check for \$250. The purchasers, present day P. T. Barnums, hope to reap a small fortune by exhibiting the turtle at county fairs.

The amount of whalebone taken annually does not now much exceed 25,000 pounds. The largest part of this is taken by the whalers sailing out of ports on the Pacific coast. A few years ago the amount taken was as much as 500,000 pounds annually.

An acetylene lamp has been placed in front of the Reformed Church immediately above the main entrance.

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GETTYSBURG LETTER

Miss Ida Sheads has gone to the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, where she will undergo treatment. She was accompanied by Miss Lizzie Mertz. Jurors for the January term of court have been drawn and Sheriff Colestock is busy notifying them.

WHAT THE AMENDMENT MEANS

Six Different Ways In Which Persons May Qualify As Voters Under Proposed Legislation. Under the proposed suffrage amendment the qualifications and requirements for registration are as follows:

WAS WELL ATTENDED

Gettysburg's Citizens Hold Big Town Meeting. DISCUSS MATTERS OF INTEREST. Lincoln Boulevard Resolutions Adopted.—Committee Appointed to Arrange For Celebrating Birthday.

WILLIAM H. TAFT THE ATHELETE

How He Thrashed a Cincinnati Editor Who Labeled His Father.—Scrap Took Place in 1879. On April 20, 1879, the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune printed a news account of "How Will Taft Served Lester A. Rose—A Sound Beating Cleverly Administered."

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GRACEHAM.

May the Christmas joy and cheer come to all. Mr. M. A. Smith late this fall planted about 1,100 peach trees making a young orchard of over ten acres. Quite a number of our people went on the Excursion to Baltimore last Saturday, Mr. A. D. Hoover and family extending their trip to Washington D. C.

FAIRFIELD ITEMS.

Mrs. H. L. Walter and Pauline Don are on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Sanders are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, of near Littlestown. Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury, of near Emmitsburg, were recent visitors to the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Moore.

OUT ON THE KEROSENE CIRCUIT

What Colonel Bill Thompson Would Have Done With A \$1.50 Bank Roll. Col. Bill Thompson, once a famous impressario, but now ten days ahead of Harry Lauder, was in Washington this week, says the Washington Herald.

German Squadron Will Visit U. S.

A German squadron, consisting of two battle ships, under construction, two armored cruisers, and several smaller vessels, will visit the United States next spring. The squadron will be commanded by Prince Henry, the only brother of the Kaiser.

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FRIENDS' CREEK ITEMS

Messrs. S. H. Duffey and E. C. Shriner visited Mr. Joseph Shriner, of Rocky Ridge. The Friends Creek Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas service on Monday, Dec. 23. All are cordially invited. Mr. Lewis Tresler and family, of near Blue Ridge Summit, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Duffey.

MT. ST. MARY'S ITEMS

Dr. J. G. Troxel is visiting his relatives in this place. Misses Emma Moore and Edith Jordan spent several days in Baltimore last week. Miss Elsie Bennett, of Baltimore, is spending the holidays here. It is reported that some of the school boys are acting very ungentlemanly on their way from school. They show very little respect for aged people to whom they make very nasty remarks.

WHEN COMES THE YULE-TIME

BY JOHN S. MCGROARTY. "Perhaps someone was thinking of me in another country."—Robert Louis Stevenson. When comes the Yule-time of the year, With fall of eve and dawn of morn, 'Tis then my dreams fly far from here To seek his hills where I was born.

ORDER NISI ON AUDIT.

NO. 8363 EQUITY. In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity. NOVEMBER TERM, 1908. In the matter of the Auditor's Report filed the 18th day of December, 1908. Felix A. Diffendal, mortgagee of John B. Kipe and Martha J. Kipe his wife on Petition.

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[From an Editorial in The Chronicle, July 26, 1907.]

THE LITTLE CHILD'S DAY.

To-day from cathedral, church and chapel, the joyous sound of holy chimes and bells will echo through the land; and from pulpits everywhere will go forth to all the world that old sweet story—old yet ever dear—of how on Christmas morning, in the ages long ago, there was born in a lowly manger, in a far off, dreary country, a little child who was to be the Savior of the world.

Christmas day is pre-eminently a day of joy, of good will, of openheartedness and openhandedness. It is, indeed, the happiest day of all the year. We deck our halls with holly, we make gifts to those we love. We gather 'round the yule log, around the Christmas board, and merry is our laughter and light our hearts.

Yet in our joy of the purely material things do we not sometimes forget that little child of Nazareth? Do we not lose ourselves in the worldly features of the day, and overlook this one true source of all our happiness?

And when the light is glowing on the hearth; when evening comes and outside the shadows lower and chairs are drawn up closer to the fire, do we not sometimes forget that the circle is incomplete?

If Christmas is a time of joy it should also be a day of sweet remembrance, and He who came into the world to show mankind the way of life, the very path to Heaven, should indeed find place within our thoughts—the chief place in our hearts.

And those dear ones who now are in His keeping, who, once with us walked hand in hand along life's journey, let us think of them this Christmas. From out the past let us gather inspiration for the future, and let us cling to these dear memories, these sweet influences with all the precepts left to us by Him and them. Then will our Christmas have in it more joy than ever. Then will we know more of the real meaning of "peace on earth, good will to men."

RENOMINATION.

To stand still in an era of progress such as this; to be content with things as they are, is to go backward. And if this applies to men, and measures, and business in general, it applies with particular force to a newspaper; especially to a paper like THE

CHRONICLE which has had and which is receiving the practical support and kindly approval of an ever increasing number of subscribers and advertisers.

This approbation of its course, this marked approval of its policy, this loyalty on the part of its friends—particularly the good people of Emmitsburg district—makes it impossible out of deference to them, for THE CHRONICLE to do anything but forge ahead, to widen its scope of usefulness, to become better and broader than it has ever been.

We owe this not only to our home people but a rapidly growing circle of readers beyond the limits of Emmitsburg district, as it appears that THE CHRONICLE appeals to men and women everywhere who are interested in a bright, newsy, independent, weekly journal.

Consideration for those patrons who are not residents of Emmitsburg makes it advisable to amend the name of the paper to THE WEEKLY CHRONICLE, under which caption it will appear on and from January 1st, 1909.

This step, however, does not mean that THE CHRONICLE will not continue to give Emmitsburg news as always, the leading place in its columns. Of necessity local interests will always be of prime importance; but we think we have said enough to make clear to our readers the reason for the change.

BLESSED IN THE GIVING.

A little incident occurred the other day that proves what we have already held: that the people of Emmitsburg are kind and sympathetic folks, ever willing to listen to a plea for the unfortunate, ever ready to lend a helping hand. A number of young men were chatting on a corner, and in the course of conversation one of them mentioned that a bereaved family living across the line was in absolute need. As the tale proceeded hands began to go down into pockets and, if truth be told, a manly tear might have been seen in the eye of more than one listener. It took but a moment to get a fund together, a substantial one at that—and now, although it is entirely outside this neighborhood, a household filled with children, a home that might have been dark and dreary will have in it much of the brightness of the holy season; and above all, there will be within that house a real expression of two thoughts that are linked with the true Christmas spirit: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and "inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

And to those who gave—and gave with a feeling of tender sympathy and consideration, and not in an off-hand, perfunctory way—this Christmas will mean just a little more; for they will be conscious of having brought joy into the lives of those little ones whose day, without their kindly thought, would have indeed been joyless.

"SPEAK BY THE CARD."

President Hadley, of Yale University, recently said:

It is impossible for a country to be well governed unless the people who do the reading are in the habit of weighing evidence. If they shut their eyes to all facts except those that they like the government will be at the mercy of passion and prejudice.

All of which is true.

Paraphrasing this to make it applicable to many places where idle, or malicious gossip and thoughtless repetition of groundless tales is indulged in, we might say: It is impossible for the people of a town to be free from slander and vilification unless those who do the most talking are in the habit of knowing whereof they speak. If they shut their ears to everything except "spicy" allusions about their neighbors the town will be at the mercy of loose tongues and prejudiced minds. And this is also true.

MAKE IT A CUSTOM.

Last year a subscriber of THE CHRONICLE made the appropriate suggestion that the citizens of Emmitsburg have their front windows brilliantly lighted on Christmas eve and Christmas night; shades up wreaths or flowers in evidence. The happy thought was followed by many and the effect was beautiful. From numerous windows the good cheer within was reflected on the streets, and passers-by were doubly impressed by the spirit of Christmas which manifested itself in this blaze of warmth and cheeriness. Would it not be well to make this an established custom in this good old place?

NOT THIS TIME.

We are informed by a Baltimore paper that the President will take unusual precautions to guard against snake bite on his African trip, and in the same issue, that Kaiser Wilhelm, Mr. Roosevelt's prototype, has given up snake bite cure as a beverage. And as this is about the first time that Theodore The Terrible has failed to imitate the German Emperor people will naturally be apprehensive that something unusual is about to happen. And with Carrie Nation in Scotland, too!

THIS number of THE CHRONICLE has been largely given over to Christmas features. Regular departments, therefore, have been curtailed or entirely omitted. They will be resumed in full next week.

THE CHRONICLE extends to every one of its subscribers, its advertisers, its correspondents, and its friends the best wishes for a very, very Merry Christmas. May it be the best they have ever known.

MARKET REPORTS.

The following market quotations, which are corrected every Thursday morning, are subject to daily changes.

Table of market quotations for Emmitsburg, Dec. 22, including items like Rye, Oats, Corn, Hay, and Emmitsburg Grain Elevator.

LIVE STOCK.

Table of live stock prices including Steers, Butcher Heifers, Fresh Cows, Fat Cows and Bulls, Hogs, Sheep, Lambs, Calves, and Stock Cattle.

Country Produce Etc.

Table of country produce prices including Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys, Spring Chickens, Ducks, New Potatoes, Raspberries, Blackberries, Apples, Lard, and Beef Hides.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21

Table of Baltimore market prices for WHEAT, CORN, OATS, RYE, HAY, STRAW, MILL FEED, POULTRY, and PRODUCE.

No, Indeed.

When Willie gave the teacher sauce, He found there was no rule Resembling that of Mary's day Against the lamm in school.

Hopeful.

Hiram. "Was yer house damaged by that there cyclone?" Ike. "Dunno. I hain't found it yet."

BLAZED HIGHWAY TO SUCCESS

(Bankers and Investors Magazine.)

The way to success is "Do it now. Delays have danger's ends." This is a truth which cannot be gainsaid. The age demands promptness. The machinery of business is moving so rapidly that we must be on time or get left.

The way of life is strewn with many wrecks resulting from putting off for to-morrow what should have been done to-day. Too frequently the "to-morrow" never comes. Especially is this true in the commercial world. To-day alone is opportunity. Neglected and it passes, never to be recalled.

A greater demand never existed than, at present, for men who do things. Not dreamers, not contemplators, not intenders, but doers. Men of action, men of achievement. Men who stand in the harness and pull the load promptly. These men are wanted. Every business house requires them, every trade is open to them and every industry awaits them.

The indifferent, postponers, the apologists, the fellows of "to-morrow" are found waiting on every street corner or hanging around the counter of the country store. They are waiting for a call which their ears are too heavy to hear. They are not needed. To them "there's nothing doing." They don't understand why the race to them is a loser; why life to them is a failure; why times to them are so desperately dull.

If they were awake they would be doing something to-day, which is always the sure step of something more and something better to-morrow.

The wisest philosopher is he who keeps step with the hours, doing his part, earnestly, promptly, conscientiously and honestly to make each day's record complete.

To such as these rough places become smooth and the mountains of difficulty dissolve upon approach.

A LAUGH IN CHURCH.

She sat on the sliding cushion, The dear, wee woman of four; Her feet, in their shiny slippers, Hung dangling over the floor.

She meant to be good; she had promised, And so, with her big, brown eyes, She started at the meeting house-windows And counted the crawling flies.

She looked far up at the preacher, But she thought of the honey bees Droning away at the blossoms That whitened the cherry trees.

She thought of a broken basket Where curled in a dusky heap, Three sleek, round puppies with fringing ears Lay snuggled and fast asleep.

Such soft, warm bodies to cuddle, Such queer little hearts to beat, Such swift, round tongues to kiss, Such sprawling, cushiony feet; She could feel in her clasping fingers The touch of the satiny skin, And a cold, wet nose exploring The dimples under her chin.

Then a sudden ripple of laughter Ran over the parted lips So quick that she could not catch it With her rosy finger tips.

The people whispered, "Bless the child," As each one waked from a nap, But the dear, wee woman hid her face For shame in her mother's lap.

—Pittsburgh Times.

The "Free" World.

(Chicago Post.) Mr. Pulitzer of the World, like Mr. Laffan of the Sun, sonorously proclaims himself grieved to the heart that the President of the United States should stoop to reprimand him in terms of anger.

This is disingenuous. Neither Mr. Laffan nor Mr. Pulitzer was grieved. On the contrary both were distinctly glad that Mr. Roosevelt spoke as President because the fact gave them this opportunity for a little sanctimonious pretence.

Nor is there much save this same false appearance of virtue in the whole Pulitzer reply. The World "cannot be muzzled" is the recurrent boast; "it will continue to be free."

"Free," we suppose, to print the prying impertinences that it has been spreading concerning Miss Katherine Elkins and Abruzzi; free to revel in and revive the filth of the Thaw trial; free to thrust every detail of the scandalous Hains-Annis murder into blatant type.

"Free" the World will continue to be, too, to give out flagrantly false "interviews" with Kaiser Wilhelm; free to declare with shameless disregard of truth that Theodore Roosevelt "sold the Republican party, body and bones, to J. Pierpont Morgan"; free, finally, to buy in the open market a patent, political fabrication like the Panama sensation and give it all the publicity which its circulation manager can command.

With this sort of hypocrisy this country has no more patience than has Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Pulitzer will save himself from one more hard and disagreeable fall if he realizes this truth at once and does not try to set up shop as a public martyr.

It Looks That Way.

(Florida Times-Union.) After all the talk it seems probable that the Speakership contest will end with a permit to Uncle Joe to be the House of Representatives for two years more.

Mr. Bryan True to His Traditions

(Brooklyn Eagle.) Mr. Bryan is now of the opinion that free silver would have averted the panic

CURRENT COMMENT AND VARIOUS OPINIONS

Discussion of Affairs in General from Leading Journals of The Country.

Roosevelt, Bryan and the Senate.

(Washington Star.)

Mr. William E. Curtis, in a New York letter to the Star, sets it down as a certainty that Mr. Roosevelt will succeed Mr. Dewey in the United States Senate. There are Democrats who hope to see Mr. Bryan become a member of the same body at the same time. But two years must elapse before a new senator either in New York or Nebraska is chosen, and much may happen in that time to change the present aspect of affairs in both States. The Republicans are altogether likely to hold New York, but can the Democrats hold Nebraska? And if the Republicans do hold Nebraska, is it a certainty that Mr. Roosevelt will be the new senator?

The President is a many-sided man, and adapts himself well and easily to company conditions. But is it possible to conceive him as either very happy or very useful as a senator? Washington described the Senate as a saucer, into which the hot brew of legislation was poured to be cooled. Does Mr. Roosevelt suggest a saucer? Was anything ever cooled by being poured into him? Does he not more strongly suggest both the coffee pot and the fire? As for debate, in which a senator should excel, Mr. Roosevelt in his seven years in the White House has weakened by long disuse his talents in that particular. He has ceased even to be a conversationalist. Being widely read and full of matter, and deferred to as the Chief Magistrate, he has become a monologist. Now, the Senate will not stand for a monologue, no matter how interesting or instructive. Even Lord Macaulay would have to hold his horses in that chamber.

Equally difficult would it be for Mr. Bryan to accommodate himself to senatorial conditions and requirements. It is true he has served in the House, but since then has become by the partiality of his admirers a monologist. For twelve years now, where he has sat has been the head of the table, and what he has said has had the right of way. Only once or twice in all that time has his authority been questioned. He was wiggled a little at St. Louis in 1904, but soon recovered himself, and ever since has been wiggling his wiggle. He is a very smooth and fluent talker, and in the Senate would find many topics to tempt him. But there are many other smooth and fluent talkers in that chamber, and each is anxious to have his say. Mr. Bryan would not sit at the head of the table there, and would have to divide time with everybody around the board.

Senator Roosevelt and Senator Bryan would probably bear themselves very pleasantly toward each other; might become as chummy as Senator Edmunds and Senator Thurman were in their day. They might form a society of two members and vote the Senate a good body, if slow. But they would not really enjoy themselves. Their talents would not find their highest usefulness in that atmosphere. Both are by nature and training agitators, and the Senate is a body—the highest body—where the fruits of agitation are weighed and sorted.

A New Ohio Idea.

(New York Evening Post.)

Any Ohio Republican to his fellow-Ohioans on the urgent need of reducing the tariff would be a striking figure, and when it is Mr. Taft making that subject the chief theme of his speech to the Ohio Society, the effect is heightened. He delivered himself in a downright manner which argues strongly for the sincerity of his purpose. In one respect, his address went beyond anything he has yet said. Protectionist though he avowed himself, he declared that it must be admitted that a protective tariff makes the formation of trusts and monopolies easier. Hence the importance, in his view, of avoiding such "excessive rates" in the tariff as will lead straight to monopoly. This is a reversal of one favorite "Ohio idea" which must have made some of his hearers rub their eyes and feel of their bumps. Evidently, Mr. Taft is perfectly honest, and he is learning. He may yet come to perceive the folly of attempting to guarantee to the American manufacturer through the tariff a "reasonable profit." Put the case of the backward, slovenly, incompetent manufacturer, badly located, perhaps, or with machinery out of date; can any tariff insure him a profit? If it can, should it? There can be no doubt how Mr. Taft's earnestness and fair-mindedness will answer these questions when he applies his mind to them.

Philosophy of Forgetfulness.

(New York Mail.)

"Forget it" is the maxim of the German Emperor and the governor of New York. "For a thousand bitter hours to console oneself with one that is beautiful," is the way William puts it. Charles uses similar language, with the game of golf as his text. "What is more delightful," he exclaims, "than the memory of one long drive and the forgetfulness of a thousand fozzles!" Which is proof enough of what Mr. Hughes protested in the campaign, that he was no enemy of German ideas.

Mr. Bryan True to His Traditions

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

Mr. Bryan is now of the opinion that free silver would have averted the panic

of last year. Also, he says he knows of no reason why the depositors of a ruined bank should not get their money immediately, concerning which there would be no difficulty in the presence of a guarantee. The inference is that when he runs for the presidency again he will star his free-coinage plank, lest we have another panic, and give conspicuity to the guarantee, lest depositors be inconvenienced. Then we could have the crown of thorns and cross of gold all over again, slightly the worse for wear, of course, but of hallowed memory. No newfangled harness for the old warhorse.

Cleveland And The South.

(Montgomery Advertiser)

A few days after the election in 1900 the editor of the Advertiser called on Mr. Cleveland at his home in Princeton, N. J., and his words, spoken then in the privacy of his home, have special bearing upon conditions as they exist to-day. After expressing regret that the Republicans seemed to have been given an indefinite lease of power, he said the future of the Democratic party rested with its Southern members. He had only words of kindness for them, and said he could readily understand why they had been misled into the idea that the free coinage of silver would better their condition. He realized that they had lost most of their property, had struggled through four years of war and four more of reconstruction, and were ready to accept any plausible theory which offered hope of relief. As events were proving the folly of the free silver agitation, he said that it was the duty of Southern Democrats resolutely to set themselves to the task of getting back upon old foundations, and that whenever they did Democrats of the East and Middle West would take hope and resume their old time aggressive activity. As the South alone furnished Democratic electoral votes in 1896 and 1900, those living in other sections of the country would look to them to blaze the way to future action, but that they would not be followed so long as they voted for policies which were Populistic rather than Democratic. He said there was no hope for Democratic victory until there was a complete severance on the part of Southern Democrats from the policies which had already led to two defeats. Since then two more have been added.

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IT is a high, solemn, almost awful thought for every individual man that his earthly influence, which had a commencement, will never through all ages, were he the very meanest of us, have an end!—*Thomas Carlyle.*

ORDER is the sanity of the mind, the health of the body, the peace of the city, the security of the state. As the beams to a house, as the bones to the microcosm of man, so is order in all things.—*Southey.*

ONE thing pride has, which no other vice that I know of has; it is an enemy to itself; and a proud man cannot endure to see pride in another.—*Feltham.*

DREAM not that helm and harness are signs of valor true.—Peace hath Higher tests of manhood than battle ever knew.—*Whittier.*

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DECEMBER 25TH —1908—

PRACTICAL ONE PIECE KIMONO.

AMONG the distinctive items that are noticeable in the spring gowns are the tucked chemisettes, gumpes and slips of white or any delicate tint that is found becoming to the wearer. They not only insure one of being able to wear a gown of any of the trying fashionable colors without a thought as to whether it is becoming or not, but the wise woman who plans half a dozen of these charming accessories can so completely change the general aspect of her gown that for all practical purposes she has as many different gowns.

Separate coats are popular for spring and summer wear, as they have been the past winter. This, however, does not exclude the practical tailored suit from the wardrobe, but the former are considered more dressy. All types are seen in these separate top coats. The long, tight fitting princess and the full garments flaring at the bottom and showing yokes of oriental magnificence vie for first place. Cutaways and the regulation box coats are worn from the short hip to the seven-eighths length. The ever fascinating little Eton and bolero jackets have taken a new lease of life and top off many of the smart street costumes. Coats for misses and young girls are slightly more fitted in the back than those formerly worn.

Elaborate braidings are much in demand both on fine cloth for home wear and on silk and crepe de chine. This form of trimming will be a feature of all the best spring models. An exceedingly pretty effect is obtained on colored materials by the use of narrow black sou-tache braid applied in a close design. A distinctive feature of the new braiding is that it appears on coats and waists arranged to form a yoke, bodice, girle or revers. The same design is used on the band that finishes the bottom of the skirt.

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CHRISTMAS AT ST. EUPHEMIA'S

Children Celebrate the Holy Day With Songs Recitations and a Short Play. —Gifts Presented.

On Tuesday, the colored children of St. Euphemia's School had their celebration. The programme was as follows: Welcome Song, "I Can't Do That Sum," Song, "The Bugaboo Man," J. E. Nicol. Picaninny Dance. "My Gal from New Orleans," Cake Walk. "When Good Old Kris Comes Round." Chorus. On Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the closing exercises were held. The following programme was given: Chorus, "Wonderful Star," Recitation, "The Angelic Song," Piano duet, "The Sleigh Ride," Treacher, Misses M. Wel and M. Chrismer; Play, "At the Court of King Christmas"—Santa Claus, James Mullen; Postman, Roy Gelwicks; Secretary, Albert Saffer; Prince Gift-book, Charles Gillelan; Mother Goose, Mary Felix; Robinson Crusoe, Edward Harner; Kate Greenaway, Lilian Long; Baby days, Howard and Bertha Wachter; Prince Play-fellow, Bernard Ott; Christmas Trees, Masters L. Stoner, C. Troxell, Q. Florence; Misses G. Seabold, Z. McCarran and R. Gelwicks; Prince Bonbon, Bennett Sebald; Stockings, Masters J. Lansinger, William Frizell, H. Scott, Charles Topper; Kisses, R. Hopp, G. Kreitz, C. Gelwicks, L. Mullen; Paul Fry, William Lansinger; Misses Doll, Clara Baker. Between the first and second scenes Misses M. Seabold and M. Mondorf rendered a piano duet, Dance Ecossais, by Baker. The distribution of gifts and the march ended the exercises.

PERSONALS.

Prof. and Mrs. Crumlish are in Baltimore. Mr. E. L. Motter spent a few days in Baltimore. Mr. A. A. Horner was in Gettysburg on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Burton are home for the holidays. Mr. James M. Kerrigan was in Baltimore on Saturday. Mr. A. A. Hack spent a few days this week in Baltimore. Mr. Robert L. Horner is spending his vacation in town. Mr. Smith Waddles, of St. Joseph, Mo., is visiting in town. Miss Gussie Kretzer, of Hagerstown, is home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooke Boyle spent Christmas in Libertytown. Miss Helen E. Sellers, of Baltimore, is home for the holidays. Mr. Charles Stokes, of Washington, D. C., is home for the holidays. Mr. George R. Dennis, Jr., of Frederick, was in town last Saturday. Mr. Kreh, of the C. & P. Telephone Company was in town on Tuesday. Mr. Felix Diffendal has left for Baltimore where he will spend the winter. The Misses Mae and Frances Kerrigan spent the week's end in Baltimore. Mr. Keilholtz Hoke spent several days in Baltimore and Washington this week. Mr. O. A. Horner, of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., is home on his vacation. Miss Lilian Gelwicks, of St. Agnes' Hospital, Baltimore, is at home for Christmas. Messrs. Enoch Frizzell and Harry Harner, who have been ill, are now able to be about. Mr. C. J. Reilly, of Georgetown University, Georgetown, D. C., is spending his vacation here. Mr. Joseph Shuff, who attends Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, is home for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Milton H. Kefauver, of Frederick, spent a few days with his daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Stokes. Mr. John C. Neck, of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with his mother Mrs. John C. Neck. Mr. and Mrs. James Hospelhorn are spending the holidays with Mrs. Hospelhorn's parents in Sharpsburg. Mr. Charles Mullen will leave here for Virginia on Saturday. Mr. Mullen has secured employment near Norfolk. Prof. Walter Rhodes, of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., is spending his vacation at his former home near town. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Matthews and son, of Toledo, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, of Point View Farm near Emmitsburg.

Cause of Bridge Collapsing

Various opinions have been given by those who have been asked to testify before the committee investigating the collapse of a pier in the new bridge now being built across the Potomac near Williamsport. The engineer in charge of the work blames it on the breaking of the key ring on a travelling crane, others say the cement was not given enough time to set. The jury said it was due to defective concrete work. Five men have died as the result of the collapse.

Old Boreas Was Right On Time

According to the calendar, winter began on Tuesday, December 22nd, at one o'clock in the morning at which time the sun was at its greatest Southern declination. December 21st, therefore, was the shortest day in the year. As if to celebrate the winter solstice, and the first official day of winter, Old Boreas on Tuesday sent a snow which promised the wished-for "White Christmas."

Chimney on Fire.

Last Friday evening, about 6 o'clock, the chimney at the home of Mr. H. M. Ashbaugh, on Gettysburg street, was discovered to be on fire. The Vigilant Hose Company responded and in a few minutes had the fire under control. The excitement attracted quite a crowd that stood ready to lend further assistance if any were necessary.

Life Motion Pictures.

Every Saturday evening at Spangler's Opera House. Change of views every week. Perfect order will be preserved and ladies can be assured of a delightful evening. Five reels instead of three will be given and the admission will be 15 cents at the next show, Dec. 26. dec 11 tf.

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Red Cross Christmas stamps are for sale at THE CHRONICLE office.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Services of Appropriate Nature by Local Congregations and Sunday Schools.—Special Music.

Christmas was fittingly celebrated in all of the local churches. The congregation and Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church held services last Sunday afternoon at 2.30. Rev. Mr. Koonz assisted by the heads of the Sunday School had charge of the entertainment. A large Christmas tree, beautifully festooned, and other suitable decorations were tastefully arranged in the body of the Church. All the scholars received a gift. The programme was very elaborate. Among the numbers may be mentioned the solo by Mr. Clarence Frailey, the song and pantomime by three little children, the Misses Margaret Zimmerman, Virginia Eyster and Ruth Rodgers, and a recitation by little Miss Mary Ellen Eyster; besides these there were several other musical selections and recitations. Miss Madeline Frailey was the accompanist. The services were enjoyed by a large audience.

On Wednesday evening the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church held their exercises. The singing as usual was of a very high order and the children acquitted themselves with great credit which showed considerable care and painstaking on the part of the teachers in the primary department. Candy and oranges were liberally distributed at the close of the service.

The following programme will be given at the Lutheran Church on Christmas evening:

Organ Selection; Carol, "Hear the Bells"; Psalm, Antiphonal reading; Gloria Patri; Invocation; Recitation, Infant School; Hymn, "As With Gladness Men of Old"; Recitation, Emma Shorb; Singing by chorus of boys; Responsive Lesson; Recitation, Charles Gillelan; Carol, "Hark! Hark! the Notes of Joy"; Recitation, Mary Weant, Ethel Patterson and Loretta Gillelan; Carol, "Silent Night" by quartette; Recitation, Naomi Harbaugh; Song, "Christmas Stars are Shining"; Recitation, Nellie Wantz, Grace and Ruth Riffle; Solo, "Luther's Cradle Hymn," May Rowe; Recitation, Alice McNair; Solo, "Holy Babe," Francis Rowe; Recitation, Maud and Bryant Byers; Responsive Lesson; Song, "Glory be to God on High"; Solo, "Holy Jesus, be my Light," Charles Rowe; Address, Rev. Charles Reinwald; Offering for Board of Education; Hymn, "Joy to the World"; Benediction.

Solemn Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church on Christmas morning at five o'clock; the Rev. J. O. Hayden will be the celebrant, the Rev. J. J. Sullivan, Deacon and the Rev. C. J. Eckels, Subdeacon. This will be followed by two low Masses. At ten o'clock, Mass will be celebrated after which the Benediction will end the day's services.

Sunday School Christmas service was held in the Reformed Church on Christmas Eve at seven o'clock. The offerings from the services will be devoted to the Nazareth Orphans' Home at Newton, N. C., and to Home Missions. An Address was made by the pastor. At midnight, a Christmas praise service was held at which the entire Nativity narration was read, familiar carols sung and a few remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Gluck. The regular Christmas service was held on Friday morning at 10.30.

THERMOMETRIC READINGS.

Taken every week day from THE CHRONICLE Standard Thermometer.

Table with 3 columns: Day, 8 A. M., 12 M., 4 P. M. Rows for Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Readings for the week beginning Dec. 20 1907:

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From Baseball to Politics.

Thomas C. Noyes, of Montgomery county, president of the Washington American League baseball club, it is said, will enter local politics and seek the nomination for this district for Congress. Mr. Noyes is a prominent Republican. As Pearre's political life is practically ended, Mr. Noyes' friends are urging him to make the fight.

It is rumored that Mr. Carmichael, a civil engineer, is making a survey from Thurmont to the Pennsylvania line. It is supposed that the survey is made for the W. F. & G. R. R.

If you send THE CHRONICLE to your absent relative you will not have to write so many letters. One year one dollar. tf.

A wireless telegraph station will probably be erected at Crisfield, Maryland, to connect that point with Tangier Island.

Governor Crothers has announced his intention of proclaiming February 12, Lincoln's birthday, as a State holiday.

MARYLAND'S SIGHTLESS POET

Father Tabb Feels no Need of Condolence.—Two of His Fine Poems.

The blind are one of the few classes of people who do not wish to make recruits, says Helen Keller, the famous deaf, dumb and blind girl, in the "Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind." But when a great man joins us we like to know it, especially if he is brave and happy. Father John B. Tabb of Maryland has lost his sight. But he feels no need of condolence. He writes his friends that he appreciates affectionate messages, but cannot abide tributes or heart-broken effusions of sympathy. The directors of St. Charles' College wished to give him a pension, and he declined. He is now staying at the college, and as he expressly says, "paying his board." It may give pleasure to read one or two of Father Tabb's fine poems. No truer poet is to-day uttering the beauty of the world:

GOING BLIND

Back to the primal gloom Where life began, As to my mother's womb, Must I again return? Not to be born again, But to remain; And in the School of Darkness learn What mean "The things unseen."

GOLDEN ROD

As Israel, in the days of old, Beneath the prophet's rod, Amid the waters, backward rolled, A path triumphant trod— So, when thy lifted staff appears, Her pilgrim steps to guide, The Autumn journey on, nor fears The Winter's threatening tide.

Letter To The Editor.

[The Editor would have it understood that he is not responsible for the views expressed in communications addressed to him and published in THE CHRONICLE.]

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 21, 1908.

To The Editor The Chronicle:—

Through the medium of your valued CHRONICLE permit us to extend greetings of the season to the people of Emmitsburg. In the warmest corner of your paper please give expression to our good will and admiration for all the Burg and Burgers. Metropolitan life and work will not afford time for individual Yuletide writing to each one of your good readers and our friends, but through this message we beg to be with you all in the gladness of the season. From the "great" little children that bless your town to the "greatest" old inhabitant, Auntie Barry, no man, woman or child of Emmitsburg association escapes the storehouse of our pleasant memories. (Nor best I add—for we certainly cannot forget playful (?) "Old Bess" that helped to make our last Summer so memorable. Indeed we owe our life-long gratitude to the famous mare in allowing us to escape from her playful mood with our lives.)

Therefore, we rejoice and pray that before we meet again in your peaceful Maryland town, may your fondest hopes and ambitions be realized. We hope to find your new lights a brilliant success and your new road a smooth and easy way to your Paradise of the Blue Ridge. In time too we hope to find Emmitsburg part of the great Lincoln Memorial Road from Washington to Gettysburg. May peace and prosperity be ever with you, kind friends and esteemed Editor. To you all,—A Merry Christmas and many bright and healthy years. WM. K. KAPLAN.

Stork Leaves Christmas Present

On Wednesday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ziegler was visited by the Stork who left a bouncing baby boy for a Christmas present. The happy parents are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

Local Walnut For Germany

Mr. E. H. Rowe has just shipped a consignment of walnut, cut from South Mountain, is intended for foreign trade. This wood which will be forwarded to Germany.

High School Closed For Holidays.

The Emmitsburg High School closed on Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. The exercises consisted of recitations and singing. The school will re-open January 11.

The plan to give Baltimore an increased representation in the Legislature was forwarded when Governor Crothers appointed a commission which has held meetings in that city.

A moving picture show, 5000 feet of film, will be given at the Middle Creek School House on Christmas night, Dec. 25, beginning at 7 o'clock. Admission 10 cents. It.

Mr. John Roddy has moved from his former home at Four Points to the property formerly occupied by Dr. Troxell near St. Anthony's Church.

Dr. J. McC. Foreman now occupies his new house recently finished on East Main street.

Red Cross Christmas stamps are for sale at THE CHRONICLE office.

FARMERS' EXHIBIT NEXT MONTH

Cash Premiums Offered For Agricultural Products.—Hope to Make The Affair Annual.

Frederick, Md., Dec. 22.—The Farmers' Mid-winter Exhibit will be held January 13th, to January 15th, in the Masonic Temple. There will be afternoon and evening sessions at which addresses will be made. Exhibits will be divided into six classes: Farm Products, Garden Products Fruits and Nuts, Butter and Bread, Cut Flowers and Amateur Drawings on subjects relating to agricultural life. Liberal premiums are offered. No charge will be made for any exhibits. It is hoped that the farmers of the County will unite to make the exhibit an annual affair.

The officers of the Association are: Lewis F. Kefauver, President; P. L. Hargett, Vice President; Guy K. Motter, Secretary and Treasurer. Executive Committee: Chas. Wertheimer, Chairman; R. Rush Lewis, Chas. J. Ramsburg, P. L. Hargett, Dr. W. C. Johnson.

LONG—SPALDING.

Invitations are out for the marriage on January 6th of Mr. Francis Robert Long to Miss Mary Regina Spalding, of Littlestown. The marriage will be solemnized at St. Aloysius Church, Littlestown, Pa.

THE CHRONICLE for one year, sent to your friend or relative is equivalent to 52 letters from home. The best Christmas present you can buy for the money—one dollar.

No R. F. D. Service New Year's Day.

There will be no rural carrier service from the Emmitsburg Post Office on New Year's Day.

Heavy Holiday Outbound Mail.

On Dec. 18th, the Emmitsburg Post Office sent out 1000 letters by the first train.

Blessed Are They That Consider the Poor and Needy.

The kindly disposed people of Emmitsburg and vicinity remembered the bereaved family of Mrs. Carson in a very practical and liberal way. It will be recalled that Mrs. Carson died of black diphtheria and of course the house and its inmates are under a rigid quarantine and the bounty of those who helped to bring the Christmas cheer to that household will long be remembered.

Gill Thinks They Should Caucus.

Congressman Gill, of Baltimore, thinks the Maryland Representatives should agree upon a route for the Lincoln memorial boulevard while the bills providing for the highway are under consideration. He thinks the passage of the bills would be insured if a caucus of the Maryland Representatives should be held after the holidays to consider the subject.

Wife-Beater to Have His Back Scored.

John Englebrecht, a painter of Frederick, who on last Saturday night brutally beat his wife, has been sentenced by Justice Smith to receive ten lashes on his bare back. The punishment will be given him by Sheriff Myers within the next few days. Beside the lashes Englebrecht will serve six months in the House of Correction.

Color Line Divides Church

Because their pastor invited a Negro preacher to assist him at revival services, the congregation of the United Evangelical Church at Shanktown, Washington county, is divided, one half threatening to withdraw.

MARRIED.

MYERS—WETZEL.—On Friday evening, Dec. 18, 1908, John F. Myers and Annie Wetzell, both of near this place, at the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Charles Reinwald.

ROAD PETITION

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County. WE, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Emmitsburg district, of said county, hereby give notice that thirty days after the publication of this notice we intend petitioning your honorable board for the opening, relocating and closing of a public road in said Emmitsburg district beginning for the road to be opened at a point about 8 perches southwest of the house on the lot owned by the heirs at law of the late T. Kelly Coats on the Tract road near the dividing line of the land of Sterling Galt and Rev. John G. Murray and running thence across and through the lands of Rev. John G. Murray about South 10 degrees West 31 perches to intersect the Great Road leading from Emmitsburg, Maryland, to Pittsburg, Pa., the total length of said road to be opened being about 512 feet. Said road to be of the width of thirty feet, the road to be closed being the present tract road from the point where the road to be opened begins to where said tract road now intersects said Great Road. JOHN G. MURRAY. OSCAR D. FRAILEY. EDWARD H. ROWE. And others.

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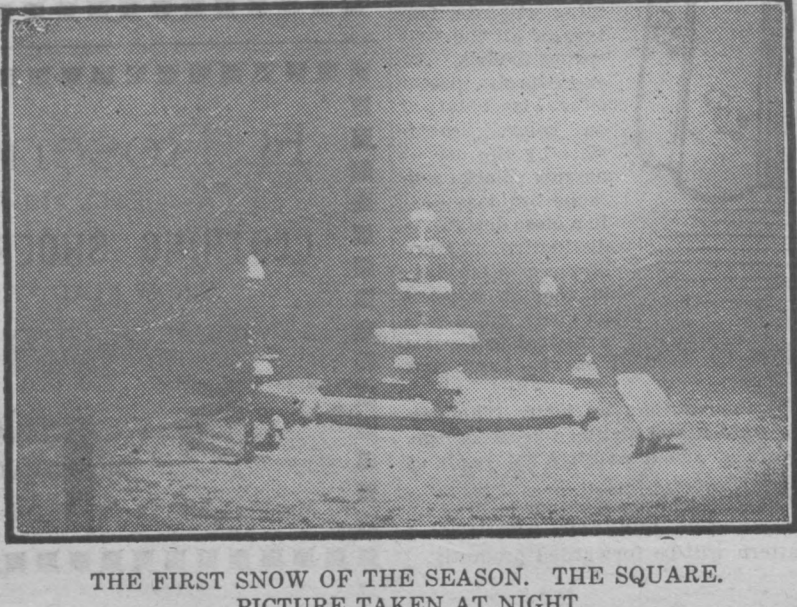
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EXECUTORS' SALE. By virtue of a power of sale contained in the last will and testament of Henry M. Lingg, late of Frederick County, deceased, and an order of the Orphans' Court of Frederick County, the undersigned Executors, will sell at public sale on the premises described below

On Saturday, January 9th, 1909, at the hour of 1 o'clock, P. M., all that desirable Real Estate, of which the said Henry M. Lingg died seized and possessed, situated in the Town of Emmitsburg, Frederick County, and State of Maryland on the South side of East Main street adjoining the property of John H. Rosensteel on the East and a public alley on the West, conveyed to the said deceased by Mary S. Eckenrode and others by their deed, dated April 7th, 1908, and recorded in Liber S. T. H. No. 282, Folio 490 &c., one of the Land Records of said county. The improvements are a good 2-story FRAME DWELLING HOUSE containing 8 rooms, and with a large plastered basement, Smoke House Hog Pen and Chicken House.

Terms of sale prescribed by the Court: One-third cash on the day of sale or ratification thereof by the Orphans' Court, the balance in six months, the purchaser or purchasers giving his, her or their notes, bearing interest from day of sale, with good and sufficient security to be approved by said Executors, for the deferred payments, or all cash at the option of the purchaser. All the expense of conveyancing to be paid by the purchaser. Immediately after the above sale the personal property of said deceased will be sold.—See hand bills. JOSEPH LINGG, GEORGE V. LINGG, Executors. Dec. 18-4ts.



THE FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON. THE SQUARE. PICTURE TAKEN AT NIGHT.

ORDER NISI ON SALES.

No. 8265 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Frederick county, sitting in Equity.
NOVEMBER TERM, 1908.
In the matter of the Report of Sales filed the 8th day of December, 1908.
George T. Lingg vs. Margaret Lingg, widow, et al.
ORDERED, That on the 2nd day of January 1909, the Court will proceed to act upon the Report of Sales of Real Estate, reported to said Court by Vincent Sebald Trustee in the above cause, and filed therein as aforesaid, to finally ratify and confirm the same unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown before said day; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Frederick County, for three successive weeks prior to said day.
The Report states the amount of sales to be \$2616.00.
Dated this 8th day of December, 1908.
SAMUEL T. HAFNER, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County
True copy—Test:
SAMUEL T. HAFNER, Clerk
Vincent Sebald, Sol. Dec. 11-4

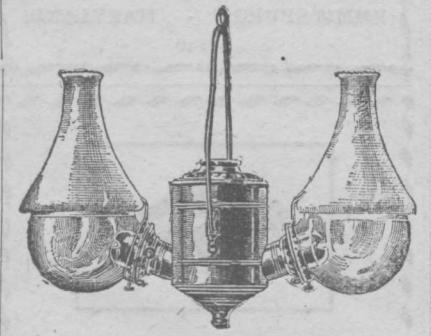
Uncle Sam's Bill to Cuba
Cuba will have to pay over six million dollars for the services of the American army of pacification, Uncle Sam doesn't undertake these little jobs for nothing.
Several arrests of prominent city officials of Pittsburgh on the charge of graft, caused no little excitement in that city last Tuesday.

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EGG-LAYING IN WINTER

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A trial of many different breeds of chickens has satisfied me that the White Plymouth Rocks excel in the production of eggs and meat, writes a Minnesota correspondent of The Garden Magazine.
When the first serious snow of winter covers the ground, I usually have about one hundred Plymouth Rocks. These are put into the sub-cellar of a barn where no horses are stabled, a space 10x25 ft. in area, lighted by five single sash 8x10 in. windows. The door from the barn swings inward, and is furnished with a weight and cord to keep it closed.
A lean-to 15x24 ft. on the south side of the barn and on a level with the entrance, has an earth floor and makes the feeding and nesting room. There is a large box in the corner for a dust bath, the dust being gathered from the road in the summer when it is thoroughly sun dried. Before being put into the box it is medicated by the addition of sulphur or some other insecticide. The nests are made of cheap lumber, are about fourteen inches wide and twelve inches high, and are partly covered on top, leaving space for the hen to enter. The front is hung on hinges. The nests are arranged on a shelf eighteen inches wide placed two and one-half feet above the floor along the north side of the room. A supply of fresh water is furnished twice a day when the chickens are fed.
Corn is fed on the ear; rutabagas, beets, carrots, etc., are fed whole; potato and apple parings and other kitchen scraps are placed in two or three flat boxes. Screenings, wheat, oats, and all small grains are fed so as to avoid waste. A pan or box of oyster shells and grit is placed where the hens can get at it easily.
I try to have two hens set at the same time on twelve or more eggs apiece if the hens are large enough to properly cover them. When the chicks arrive I give both broods to the larger hen, and place the family in a coop about twenty-four by thirty inches. One side of the coop is made of slats, one of which is removable. The coop is moved to a different spot every few days to allow fresh grass in the coop, which is built without a floor. The roof should be sufficiently close to give protection, and the coop should be so located, and ditched if necessary, that the water will run off.
I leave the newly hatched chicks without food for one or two days and then commence to feed by giving dry wheat bread soaked soft and then squeezed dry. When the chicks are three days old I mix enough cornmeal with water to make a dough and bake it hard in a shallow pan. This I break into fine pieces and give freely.
The chicks that are hatched the last of July will commence laying the following March and will continue to lay during the spring and summer. I have had twenty-five hens, a year and a half old, lay sixteen dozen eggs during January with the thermometer at or below zero nearly all the time.

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One of the most serious handicaps to cattle feeding in this State is the ever present scarcity of good, competent and reliable farmer labor. A successful feeder should be a man that is able to do more than carry out feed to the stock, and clean out the stable. He should be a keen observer of the need of the animals in his care. It is, indeed, a grave misfortune that only a few of the right sort can be found. The negro who was once employed is going to the city. Factories of all sorts are calling for men.
If labor was available, cattle feeding would increase, since there are men with good farms and ready capital to finance the enterprise.
Experience has taught but a few Maryland farmers how to handle and fatten the well-bred and muscular steer. The chief demand all along has been for the thin steer at a low figure. In form the feeder should be broad and deep in front, low set and blocky built; he should carry out strong and wide in the hind parts as well, and be deep and low in the flank and twist. The head is usually a condensed reflexion of the form. A broad, short head is associated with a thick, wide, low-set body, and the narrow head with slim face is generally accompanied with more narrowness and greater length of legs and body.
Generally speaking, the kind of cattle found in the feed lots and pastures is not of the best type. So many cattle are lacking in width and depth of body, high standing from the ground, and very deficient in muscular development. Quite often there is a good bony frame, with sufficient quality, but there is not the large heart girth, with the full crops so much desired in all good feeders; the ribs are deficient in their width of arch, the loins are narrow, and, in fact, the hind quarters are light, narrow and wanting in the depth which is found with the low flank and deep twist.
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"NOEL" CAROLS STILL SANG.

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 melody, "Once in Royal David's City," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," a solo, always, in a mellow tenor that brought tears to the eyes of sensitive small listeners. A beautiful half-hour it was, and as the wagon rolled away to another fortunate quarter of town, and the cornet pealed out the triumphant measures of "Adestes Fideles," tired, happy heads fell back on welcome pillows, and eyes closed tight to shut in visions of a glorious night on an Oriental hillside, a choir of celestial visitants, chanting a wondrous new song to an enraptured group of devout peasants.

Redolent of Christmas.
 "Uncle Remus's—The Home Magazine" for December is overflowing with Christmas good cheer. The cover design, by Alice Beach Winter, shows a charming little boy with a huge black stocking—evidently his mother's or big sister's—that is full to the brim with small toys and sweetmeats. There is a smile of ineffable happiness on the youngster's face; a smile which proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is a Santa Claus who loves and rewards the good boys and girls of every land.

A towel, folded several times and dipped in hot water and quickly wrung out and applied over the toothache or neuralgia, will generally afford prompt relief.

AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

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 care and affection of its parents the more civilized must the parents be. And as the family, through long and tedious processes, developed into state and nation the child became ever, the more potential motive of human progress.

So completely has this become a recognized scientific fact that a great authority has said: "Every human institution, home, school, state, church and all the rest, exists primarily in order to bring children and youth on and up to their highest possible maturity of body and soul. The value, not only of all institutions but of art, science, literature, culture and civilization itself, is ultimately measured and graded by how much they contribute to this end."

Is not, therefore, the conception of salvation through the instrumentality of a child woven into the very fabric of human nature? Who can doubt it? Who can doubt that in the fullness of time a child should come who would be the Saviour of the whole world? Humanity has knelt at the feet of the child from the beginning, and to the very end it will kneel at the feet of the Divine Child.

Every year this conception of the Christ grows in sweetness and potency. It is inevitable that it should be so, for its appeal is to the very deepest instinct of human nature.

So much for the inward significance of the mission of the Eternal Child. The origin of the festival with which the world celebrates the birth of the Divine Child is lost in the mists of antiquity. If, as held by many, it is a Christian feast grafted on to a pagan one, its history is age long. The actual institution of Christmas as the celebration of the nativity of Jesus Christ dates from the second century of the Christian era. As to the reason for the selection of Dec. 25 as Christmas Day, there is much difference of opinion, says the Rev. Reginald H. Starr. It is held by some that the German name of the festival, "Weihnacht," is a literal translation of the Hebrew "Chanuka," the Jewish festival of the purification of the temple by Judas Maccabaeus, which begins on Dec. 17, and that as the Passover and Pentecost were perpetuated in Easter and Whitsuntide, so the festival of the Purification has been preserved in Christmas-tide and the practice of burning candles on the Christmas tree has come from the old Hebrew feast.

But the purification can hardly be numbered among the greater and important festivals of the Hebrews and, as Schaff says, there is really no Old Testament feast corresponding to our Christmas. The weight of opinion as to the time of year chosen by the Christian Church in the West lies in another and entirely different solution of the question and links the Christian observance to the ancient practice of the heathen world.

It must be remembered in this connection that the particular date was first fixed upon by the Roman branch of the Church, and at that season of the year a series of pagan festivals occurred which were closely interwoven with the civil and social life of the Roman people. These festivals had an import which lent itself to the growth of the Christian faith, and they may have been spiritually adopted by the Church in order to counteract their evil tendencies and at the same time advance the cause of the new religion.

The Saturnalia, for instance, represented the peaceful times of the Golden Age and abolished sharp social distinctions between citizen and serf. But it was a time of wild and unholy revelry. Then the Brumalia—the feast of the shortest day, or Winter solstice—was the commemoration of the birthday of the new sun about to return to the earth. It was the "dies natalis invicti solis." In the old mythology of the sun worshippers it was the birthday of Methras himself, and, in fact, the time of year when from unnumbered ages before the Christian era pagan Europe, in all its tribes and peoples, had celebrated its chief festival. So here we have the double truth of the Golden Age and the rebirth of the unconquered sun, as he breaks the power of darkness, refined and enriched in the Christian teaching of "peace on earth and goodwill to men," as coincident with the rising of the Sun of Righteousness in the birth into the world of the Son of the peasant woman who was also the Son of God.

This view of Christmas accentuates the true place of the Christian religion in relation to the ancient and deep-seated religions which preceded it, and at the same time reveals a beauty of development in its culmination as the completed manifestation of God to man. In the infancy of the race the Winter solstice was everywhere a season of rejoicing. No matter what the peculiar form which it assumed, it expressed the world joy of the time. So the very idea of the Child God which gives Christmas its meaning may not only have been foretold by sibyl and seer and prophet, but prefigured by the infant gods of the Greek and Egyptian and Hindu and Buddhist forms of religion.

The symbolism of our Christmas today certainly lends itself, in many ways,

to this point of view. In the greenery with which we deck our houses and churches, and in the gift-laden fir trees which gladden our children's hearts, we still retain the symbols by which our heathen forefathers signified their faith in the power of the returning sun to clothe the earth with green and hang new fruit upon the trees. The Christmas carol may be a new birth of the hymns of the Saturnalia. The holly and mistletoe came from Druid worship. The banquet time itself may be a survival, purified and refined, of the original feast to the gods and goddesses of the fabled Olympus. The "Yule" of "Merrie England" is the old Teutonic name of the religious festival of the Winter solstice, during which Celt and Roman could trace the movements of their deities as they walked abroad in the world.

NO STOCKINGS HUNG UP.

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ered with oilcloth and the remains of supper. Off at one side—ah, yes, it is this that you came to see.

"Ecco, signore!" says the mother, smiling through a hundred furrows in her face, her twisted hands trembling with pleasure. "We have a great smallness—how you say eet?—of the money. But eet ees the beautiful Chreesmas ees eet not?"

It is only a soap box surrounded by holly and spruce and lit by half a dozen candles, but the donkeys and the cattle are there in Noah's Ark animals, grouped about rude wax figures of the Holy Family. And when midnight strikes, Maria, aged twelve; Tony, aged nine; Salvatore, aged eight; and Angelina, aged six, gather round the presepio with their parents and bowing sleepy heads say to each other in awed voice, "Gesu Bambino e nato."

Which literally translated means, "Baby Jesus is born," and is typical in its phraseology of Italian simplicity and familiarity in things religious. In many Italian families the children keep up the habit of the "old country" and several days before the festival, write letters of affection and greeting to their parents, which are laid by the plates and opened at dinner on Christmas Day. Nor must the pretty north Italian custom be forgotten—the placing of a representation of a dove at the foot of the children's bed on Christmas Eve. Were the young folks to keep awake long enough, they would hear the bird announce the birth of Christ, but alas, they are like American children who hope to see Santa Claus come down the chimney—they always fall asleep at the fateful moment.

CHRISTMAS IN FOREIGN LANDS

Spanish Children Don't Have Christmas Trees And In France They Don't Hang Up Stockings.

It wouldn't seem a bit like Christmas to German children if they didn't have a Christmas tree, and they say there that the presents are hung on the tree by the Christ-Child, who comes flying through the air on golden wings during the night. When He comes to the houses where there are Christmas trees He stops and hangs all kinds of gifts on them for good children.

But in one part of Germany they say that our "Santa Claus" is really an angel who goes from house to house, dressed in rags and carrying a bag on his back. He knocks loudly and asks, "Are the children good?" If he hears mother and father say "yes" he leaves all sorts of nice presents; but if he hears "no" he leaves a stick.

Spanish children don't have Christmas trees, but they have a very happy time at Christmas all the same. On Christmas Eve, they go out and hide their shoes and slippers in the bushes, and in the morning they find them filled with all sorts of nice things.

Santa Claus has always to remember that French children do not hang up their stockings, but expect him to put the presents he brings for them into the slippers they place so carefully on the hearth!

On Christmas Eve, too, the French people, both young and old, have great fun dragging in a big log of wood to be put on the fire that night. It is laid in the fireplace by the very oldest person and the youngest; then, when it begins to crackle and burn, lots of little candles are lighted and all the family sit down to supper and thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The little children in Mexico have jolly Christmas parties, called "pinata" parties. The "pinata" is a big jar which is covered with pretty paper and bright tinsel, and filled with candy, toys and fruit. It is hung by a red cord from the ceiling, and then the children are blindfolded and each one given a small stick and told to find the jar and strike it till it breaks. They all rush to where they think it is hanging and hit as hard as they can. Then, when the jar breaks and the presents tumble out, you should see the fun they have grabbing them!

Was She "Christmas Eve"?
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