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A CHRISTMAS STORY

James Clark, a Seventh Grade Pupil, Vividly Pictures the Conversion of a Millionaire's Son.

I being a millionaire's son, most people would at once come to the conclusion that I had never been in hunger and want, but there they are mistaken, and I will tell this story to partly show you how I was in hunger and want, although I didn't know it, and how I found it out.

It was on Christmas Eve and I was talking with a few visitors that were talking to me about the great topics of the evening. Dad had, on that day, made a great raid on Wall Street and scraped off a few millions, and of course the whole four hundred were crazy over it.

Well, Dad came bumpin' it over pretty soon with his forty horse power automobile. He was feeling mighty fine of course, and when he saw me, said, "Hello, sonny, glad to see you. Oh! by the way, tomorrow is Christmas, ain't it old man? Well, I'll tell you, I'll give you a thousand dollars you can spend, if you won't gamble it. Well, of course I promised, I wasn't afraid to tell a lie. I happened to fall out of bed at eight o'clock on Xmas morning, if I hadn't I would not have gotten up until ten. With the help of my valet (pa let me have one already) I got my clothes on.

Now, I want to tell you just how I felt on that sacred day. I never felt in the least that it was Christ's birthday, but I just thought of it as a good day to gamble away my thousand plunks, and so when I scampered down the street toward a gambling house, I didn't feel any different than I was going to buy a line novel, (asking I had done a good deal lately). When I reached there I was so badly defeated that I came out with five hundred dollars less. I felt a little dazed and forlorn. Well, I moved along until I heard some sweet child like voices singing a Xmas carol. It seemed like a spring of clean water to a barren soil, and my instinctive drew me toward the place from whence it came. I walked, ate, almost ran to ward a stogie church not far away. I knooched aside two young society girls who raised an awful noise, and called a policeman, but he was too slow to stop me. I entered a small, but well trimmed church, a little late, but I found that a little

FOR BETTER ATTENDANCE

State Superintendent Olsen Hands Out a Few Recommendations—Compulsory School Attendance.

L. W. Olsen, state superintendent of public instruction, has sent his annual report to the governor. In it he commends new legislation and pleads for a more stringent enforcement of the laws as we now have them. The following are excerpts of the report.

"Having equipped school houses and employed good teachers, the state as a means of self-preservation, has a right to require attendance where lessons in civic righteousness and good government are taught, where the manifold of tomorrow may be trained for the highest individual and social efficiency.

"Our compulsory education laws, being left to local enforcement and in our rural communities and villages almost a dead letter. Statistics show that large numbers of children of compulsory school age in these communities attend less than half the time required. The members of the school board cannot as a rule be expected to invoke the aid of the courts in having these laws enforced against their neighbors, with whom they must daily associate.

"I recommend legislation providing for a non-resident truant officer selected in such a manner as to leave him independent in the proper discharge of his duties.

"Provision should also be made for a school census at stated times, and for reports to be made by the teachers or local officers, in order to furnish the necessary data to guide him in his work.

"I beg, also, to recommend that the compulsory age be restored from 8 to 18 to 16, as it was prior to the last legislative session.

The Rev. Dr. Hicks 1907 Almanac.

The Rev. Dr. Hicks has been compiled by the popular demand to resume the publication of his well-known and popular Almanac for 1907. This splendid Almanac is now ready. For sale by news dealers, or sent postpaid for 25 cents, by the Word and Works Publishing Company, 2301 Locust street, St. Louis, Mo., publishers of Word and Works one of the best dollar weekly magazines in America. One Almanac plus with every subscription.

A DECEMBER BRIDE

Miss Emma Schultz Becomes the Wife of Frederick Bauman of St. Paul, at Pokegama Lake Tuesday.

The Schultz-Bauman nuptials at Pokegama lake Tuesday evening was one of the grandest functions that has occurred at that place. Rev. Husbener, of the German Lutheran church of this place performed the ceremony. The rooms were tastefully decorated with evergreen boughs, flowers, etc., and the wedding scene was beautiful and very impressive.

"The quality," the Phoenix reporter at Pokegama, was present at the wedding and writes as follows:

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schultz, Miss Emma, and Frederick Bauman of St. Paul were married Tuesday afternoon in the presence of about a hundred guests. Misses Selma Loman and Annie Fox were bridesmaids and Willie Schultz, brother of the bride was best man. The bride was tastefully attired in white silk and carried white roses. She looked sweet of course as all brides do. After the ceremony a bounteous wedding supper was served, the tables being presided over by Misses Edna Anderson, Dollie Norstrom and Maebel Olson, life-long friends of the bride, and Clara Schultz. After supper dancing was in order until midnight when luncheon was served and dancing was resumed which continued until 5 a. m., when the guests departed for their homes wishing Mr. Bauman and his bonnie bride a long life of happiness. They received many useful and beautiful presents. The happy couple will be "at home" after December 22nd at 804 W. University Ave. St. Paul.

The Phoenix tender its congratulations and best wishes.

School Notes.

Glady's Stevens has returned to school after a week's absence.

Final examinations were held in Miss Brackett's room for the last few days.

Two essays were read to the high school this week, one by Maude Kendall and the other by Dora Matthews.

Mesdames Stevens, Redding, Wickstrom and Svanda visited Miss Orr's room this week and Mrs. Camp visited Miss McKusick's.

Among those absent from the 7th grade were Julia Dasey, Minnie Steki and Ernest McFee. The absences were mostly due to sickness.

There have been a great many absences in the lower rooms this week, in Miss Orr's especially, ten being absent from her room at one time.

It has been decided to remove the 8th grade from the assembly room to one of the recitation rooms. The change is to take place directly after the holidays.

School closes today and will not be resumed until the Wednesday after New Years day. The teachers will depart for their homes today. Misses Orr, Sletto, Mullon and Hinkley will go to the twin cities, Miss Wing to St. Cloud and Miss Clausen to Albert Lea. Supt. Olsen and Miss Brackett will attend the N. E. A. at Minneapolis Wednesday.

Next Sunday evening the revival meetings, which are being held at the M. E. church, will be brought to a close for the season. The meetings have been very interesting and have benefited many who have attended regularly and taken an interest in the work. Rev. Hogg, the evangelist, will leave for his home in Minneapolis Monday, and after a week's rest he will go to Annandale to hold a series of meetings.

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DIES AT APPLETON

Frank Radly, Jr., Succumbs to Typhoid Fever—Was in Business at Holloway—Former Pine City Boy.

Frank Radley, Jr. died at Appleton Monday afternoon after an illness lasting three weeks. The cause of his death was typhoid fever.

The above bit of sad news came as a great shock to the many friends of Mr. Radley, and was almost beyond comprehension as it was not generally known here that he was sick. His mother, Mrs. Frank Radley, left here Thursday of last week to be with him. After being stricken with the disease Mr. Radley left Holloway, where he was in business, with the intention of coming to his parents' home in this place. He got no farther than Appleton, a short distance from Holloway, when he was forced to abandon his trip and he remained there at the home of his uncle and aunt where he died.

Frank Radley, jr., was born in New Prague and would have been 25 years of age had he lived until the 26th day of this month. He lived in New Prague until he went to Collegeville where he attended St. John's College, from which institution he was graduated. He came here and made his home with his parents until about three years ago, when he went into business at Holloway. Frank was a steady and industrious young man, honored and held in esteem by a large circle of friends, and his loss is keenly regretted.

The decedent's father was called to Appleton Monday but arrived there too late to see his son alive. The remains arrived here Wednesday afternoon, and were conveyed to the Radly home, followed by a large number of friends and relatives of the bereaved family.

Besides many friends, his loss is mourned by his parents, sister, Mrs. Frank Rybak, and brother, George, of Appleton.

The funeral was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, the service being held in St. Mary's Catholic church. Rev. Fr. Koerner officiated. A wealth of beautiful flowers was strewn all about the handsome casket and the presence of numerous floral set pieces showed the regards of many sorrowing relatives and friends. The remains were borne to Calvary cemetery where they were laid to rest.

The following from abroad attended the funeral: C. A. Polkrabek and George Radly, Appleton; Joseph, James and Frank Chalupsky, Mrs. A. Chalupsky, Silver Lake, Mrs. Jas. Krejcin and son, Joseph, Le Sueur center; Albert Rybak, New Prague.

Christmas in the Churches.

Jolly old St. Nicholas is due to arrive here next week and the Sunday schools of the different churches have been preparing for him and the joys of Yule Tide for some time past. And if it were not for the children we fear the Xmas season would sometimes be void of much cheer. In this we agree with Charles Dickens, who said: "I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself."

This year the Sabbath school teachers and pupils have trained diligently for the annual program, and we have been promised some rare treats in the line of Xmas entertainments.

The German Lutheran and Presbyterian exercises will be held at the respective churches Monday evening, which is Christmas Eve. The Methodist pupils will celebrate the great event with appropriate exercises Tuesday evening.

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From Lakes to Ocean.

The season of navigation on the interior waterways will soon end, and it will be a record breaker. Particularly in this time of the great lakes and the transients on the Great St. Lawrence canal. The figures for October showed that 44,844,588 tons of freight had passed through the canals up to that time, a quantity largely in excess of any preceding year. This November returns will bring the total to 20,000,000 tons, which will be a gain of more than 13 per cent over 1905. The bulk of the business is done by the American canal, and the largest part of the shipments is made up of one from the St. Lawrence to the Great Lakes. There are certain to increase rapidly and indefinitely for the development of the new regions is going on at a prodigious rate, says the Troy News. Articles other than are transported on the great lakes and the water is increasing, and will multiply in number and increase in bulk as the country grows in population and advances in industry. The time must come when the canals now in use will not furnish a sufficient outlet, and the west is intensely alive to that fact. The action of the state of New York in appropriating \$101,000,000 to enlarge its canals is regarded as a great step toward improved water facilities, but the west will never be content until it has a ship channel from the lakes to the ocean, and that is why special effort is now being directed toward getting congressional approval and national aid for the Great Waterways from Chicago to the Mississippi.

The Value of Publicity.

Nearly every month the courts close the doors of the criminal justice through publicity. The best detective, however, is the honest newspaper—ever ready to correct its mistakes. The juror who does not read the newspapers in the most dangerous times, at a rate, may safely trust intelligent men to decide a case in harmony with the evidence. The effort to prevent publicity from invading the mind is like the effort to promote health by suppressing the circulation of ozone. When a newspaper unfairly tries the case beforehand and hangs somebody before conviction, it makes friends for the accused. If a man is abused before trial, he should be grateful for anything that should be granted for him. We know of a successful man who says that he is chiefly indebted for his success to his stupid enemies whose simple rope gets about their own necks. This world is promoted by its martyrs. The innocent can best afford full publicity, says the Lewiston Journal. Prejudice or misinformation are eliminated by turning on the light.

The Slavery of Superstition.

There is no form of mental slavery so torturing as the slavery of superstition, says Lillian Bell, a dilettante. We are fond of relegating believers in it to the unenlightened, but few are the men and women today who are perfectly free from it in some shape. And after all, what does it amount to but fear? Fear of disappointment or disaster. We spend our lives in the shadow of a great fear. I feel no scorn for the victims of superstitions of whatever sort cherished, any more than I would feel scorn for the ill-treated child, when snatched from the beddings to safety, stung up by its toy arms to guard its face against a blow, at the slightest move on the part of its more powerful friends. But my heart is with the same sympathy for all unnecessary and inexplicable fear which is allowed to torture and make miserable lives which but for that would be mostly sunshine.

Young men who are wondering what opportunity the world holds out to them when they leave college may be interested in some news given in the latest published report of the United States commissioner of education. The commissioner says that since 1880 there have been created an average of about 20,000 new college professorships every year, and more than 1,300 new positions in the high schools and academies. Thus about 2,300 new teachers have to be found annually, without making any allowance for the retirement of many thousands of others on account of age or other disability. It is apparent that the man who wishes to live the ordinary life has ample opportunity in these days of popular education.

Elphinstone says the London Tribune is to be the fashionable color for this winter. Therefore, beware of the unscrupulous tailor, who may try to get a little extra profit, by giving you a blue or a black suit, or a brown velvet.

A man in Pittsburg, Mass., killed his wife and himself because she acquired a cup of tea at the supper table. There's nothing like thoroughness. His name will be followed in that way again.

CARDINAL RICHARD VACATES RESIDENCE

OCCASION IS SCENE OF IMPOSING DEMONSTRATION TO CATHOLIC PRELATE.

Troops Crush Rome Riot but New Manifestations Against Pope Are Planned—Vatican Guarded by Troops.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, Monday voluntarily vacated the Episcopal palace and temporarily accepted the hospitality of Deaux Cochin, the conservative deputy, at the latter's residence in the rue de Babouin. The departure of the cardinal was the occasion for an imposing manifestation on the part of the majority of the bishops and priests of Paris. Many members of the nobility and about 3,000 men, women and children. The gathering completely blocked the street in front of the Episcopal palace, and those present sang the Credo and other articles as the cardinal was assisted into his carriage by the coadjutor bishop, Mgr. Amelot, and his vicar general. The crowd knelt and sang as the cardinal stepped himself in the vehicle. The venerable prelate was much affected, then arose and blessed the multitude.

Chief of Police and Cardinal. A number of young Catholics thereupon approached the carriage, detached the horses, and with difficulty dragged it through the dense masses of people lining the streets. On all sides were heard cries of "Long live the X" and "Long live the cardinal." About 200 men, armed with clubs, were consumed in pulling the carriage from the palace to the residence of M. Cochin, a distance of one and a half miles. Mounted republican guards preceded and followed the procession in order to prevent any possible disorder, but there was not the slightest attempt on the part of the crowds to make any counter manifestation. The clerical crowd subsequently followed the cardinal to the church of St. Francis Xavier, where the coadjutor celebrated a benediction service at the end of which he thanked the crowd for its sentiments. He had manifested and exhorted them to persevere in their attitude in defense of the rights of the church.

Riot Last Night.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Thousands of demonstrators friendly to France and of anti-Vatican tendencies gathered Sunday night in the Piazza adjoining the Vatican palace. There they met an embassy, in an endeavor to express their pleasure at France's action toward the church. The whole garrison of Rome was employed to face the demonstrators and protect the Vatican, which was surrounded by cavalry, and the bridges leading to the Vatican palace were barred by troops. All the streets leading to the palace were protected by soldiers with fixed bayonets.

The demonstrators, led by a dozen radical socialists and republicans members of the chamber of deputies, including Prince Borjes, attempted to break the cordon, provided themselves with candles and formed into a mock procession, singing the Miserere, as an indication of the death of clericalism, amidst cries of "Long live France!" "Long live Clemenceau!" and "Down with the Vatican!" Fresh attempts were then made to break the cordon and the cavalry charged, the demonstrators, a few of whom were slightly injured, and several arrested. Amid roars and shouts and the singing of the Marseillaise the ferment continued until late in the evening.

TOURIST STEAMER ON ROCKS.

Passengers Landed Safely, but Captain Blows Out His Brains.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 18.—The Hamburg-American line tourist steamer Princess Victoria Luisa, from New York December 12 for this port, went ashore Sunday night off Port Royal while on her way back to New York.

Capt. Bruhnswig, who was in charge of the Victoria Luisa when she struck, committed suicide by blowing out his brains in his cabin.

King Oscar Gaining Steadily.

Stockholm, Dec. 18.—King Oscar continues to improve, his condition Monday morning being noticeably better. His recovery, however, is expected to be slow. Following is the text of the bulletin issued by his majesty's attending physicians: "The king passed a quiet night. His temperature is 95.1, the action of the heart is stronger and the mucus in the trachea has not increased."

Three Babies Die in Fire.

North Yankin, Wash., Dec. 17.—The house of Raymond H. Hays, a rancher near Cookeville, was destroyed by fire, and three babies, Hugh, Ned and Allan Tolson, were burned to death. The fire was caused by one of the children dropping a kerosene lamp. The parents were unable to rescue the little ones.

Eleven Soldiers Burned.

Marion, Mo., Dec. 18.—Eleven soldiers of the 10th Cavalry were destroyed by fire Friday, Dec. 16, 1906, probably by the act of January it will be valued to nearly \$100,000.

POLAND QUITE SUBDUED

THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND BUSINESS IS DEAD.

People, However, Busy Organizing for Next Elections—General at Radom Mailed by Bomb.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 17.—Reports received from points throughout Russian Poland show that the government's policy of repression has been successful in subduing the last of the smoldering sparks of revolution. This result was accomplished at a terrible cost to the Polish people, the number of victims being estimated at thousands. Business has become stagnant, the trades and industries are bankrupt and the masses are dispirited and in a state of poverty.

Reports from Crzesotochowa, which is a typical Polish town with a population of about 50,000, including many Jews, show that seven so-called terrorists have been tried by drumhead court-martial and executed in the last two days.

In the early part of last week five terrorists were tried, convicted and shot here, as also were three at Sieradz and one at Lodz. These executions have been going on so constantly throughout Poland generally that it has become almost superfluous to repeat the daily chronicle of military executions.

Despite the depressing effect of his martial law the Poles are busily engaged in organizing their forces for the next parliamentary elections. For the time being party differences have been forgotten and the national flag has become a rallying point. The three great Polish parties—conservative, progressive and democratic—these are selecting fusion candidates representing Polish national ideals. The new Polish school system is also bringing out evidence of national energy, as the permission to establish private schools with Polish teachers has already resulted in the formation of 800 schools with an attendance of 75,000 Polish children. Although, despite the darkness of the present martial conditions, the situation has been somewhat relieved by new evidence of the indomitable spirit of the Polish people asserting itself.

Radom, Russian Poland, Dec. 17.—A bomb was thrown at Col. Plotka, commander of the garrison of the government of Radom, Sunday. His leg was torn off by the explosion. A student of the technical school, who threw the bomb, was arrested.

CLAIMS THROSE OF CHINA.

Manchu Woman Asks England to Take Up Her Case.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17.—A Victoria woman, a Manchu banner woman, married to an Englishman who was an officer in Gordon's army which suppressed the Chinese rebellion, has made a claim to the throne of China. The woman, unwilling to make public her name lest relatives be assassinated, asks that her husband's claim to the British government, asking that her claim be taken up with China. She claims to be a direct descendant of the third duke of Chien, and she asserts she has a right to the throne of China prior to that of the emperor dowager. With her husband and family she has been living here for 21 years, since they came from Peking, where a younger brother who she says, is next in line to herself to China's throne, is now residing.

CAPTAIN OF DIX BLAMED.

Inspectors Revoke His License for Disaster at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 17.—The United States inspectors who investigated the recent sinking of the steamer DIX, in which many lives were lost, have finished their report.

It is concluded by the master of the steamer Jeanie, which sank the Dix, and revokes the license of Capt. Percy A. Lernond, master of the Dix. It was due entirely to the negligence on the part of those handling her. The practice of steamship companies in compelling their captains to act as pursers, thus taking them away from their duties, was severely censured by the inspectors.

Bryce Coming to Washington.

London, Dec. 18.—In spite of the fact that no official announcement yet has been made it was declared in the lobbies of the house of commons Monday night that James Bryce, chief secretary for Ireland, had accepted the post of Irish ambassador to Washington, in succession to Sir Henry Mortimer Durand. No formal announcement is now expected.

Mr. Bryce is now universally regarded as the next ambassador to the United States.

Train is Wrecked and Buried.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The New York Central train known as the "Buffalo local," a fast train running between New York and Buffalo, was wrecked about a mile east of Albany on Monday afternoon. The engine was fatally injured and the entire train, with the exception of one Pullman, was buried to the trucks.

Ohio Has a Big Surprise.

Columbus, O., Dec. 18.—The surplus in the state treasury now is the largest in the history of the state—\$4,750,000. It is due to the Alton law, increased taxes and the fact that it is estimated that by the act of January it will be valued to nearly \$100,000.

WILL FAVOR SHIP

SHOULD BE MEASURE PRESIDENTS' SPECIAL MESSAGE WILL SUPPORT GALLINGER.

Congress Hears Three Communications from Mr. Roosevelt, One Illustrating—Senate Votes to Adjourn Thursday.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Roosevelt's message on this subject, will be presented to congress shortly after the Christmas holidays, it is believed will support the Gallinger subsidy bill as passed by the senate, but the house committee on shipping has not yet reported on the bill so amended that it will merely offer subvention to mail steamers sailing between America and South American and oriental ports.

Messrs. Litchfield, of Maine; Humphrey, Washington, and several other members of congress who are supporting ship subsidy called on the president Sunday and furnished him with information concerning American shipping for use in his message.

Mr. Humphrey called the president's attention to the fact that Japan has been negotiating for the purchase of all first-class American ships on the Pacific, and expressed the opinion that the purchase of the Pacific Mail or Hall line, by Japan would almost certainly result in a freight agreement with Japan extending over an American railway. He also assured the president that the Japanese and other advantages to Japanese merchants in the United States, with the result that many American merchants have been driven to the wall.

First Illustrated Message.

A pictorially illustrated message from President Roosevelt, sent under conditions as he found them on the Isthmus of Panama during his recent visit, occupied the senate during the greater portion of the session today. Printed copies of the message, handsomely bound, were placed on the desk of each senator, and the reading of the document was completed by the president's recommendations respecting the purchase of the Panama canal.

The senate agreed to the holiday adjournment resolution and will be in recess from the end of the session through the first of January. Resolutions were agreed to directing an investigation by the department of commerce and labor of the international harvest commission to ascertain whether it effects a restraint of trade, also directing the senate judiciary committee to report what authority it has to investigate the commerce clause of the constitution to prevent interstate commerce in child-labor goods. Resolutions to amend the management of state's rights were presented by Senators White and Rayner, of Maryland, for the future session.

House Gets Busy.

The house began the last week before the Christmas holidays with a determination to dispose of as much legislation as possible during the more than an hour which will develop upon which congress again convenes. To this end several small bills were passed Sunday and Monday.

The Indian appropriation bill was taken up and 15 of the 57 pages completed, when it was laid aside for the president's message concerning the Panama canal, which consumed more than an hour in its reading, being listened to by a large number of members.

Mr. Moon, of Tennessee, was appointed a member of the committee on rivers and harbors.

It is concluded by the Georgia introduced a bill Monday requiring all railways to install the block system and providing that railway telegraphers shall be licensed.

PEPER WILL OBEY ENDS.

Plaintiffs Withdraw, Admitting Christian Cornelius' Right to Bequest.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—The suit to break the will of the late Christian Peper, millionaire tobacco manufacturer, which has been on trial for the past week in the circuit court, came to an end Monday morning by the plaintiffs withdrawing from their suit.

Christian Cornelius, known as Peper's son, had been generally supposed to be a son of Christian Peper. The dissatisfaction with the will was on account of the bequest to Cornelius, which was alleged to have been a local or moral claim on Christian Peper's bounty. His share under the will, in the \$2,000,000 estate was substantially one-third of the stock of the tobacco company and one-twelfth of the other property. The suit was terminated after a conference of the parties at St. Louis, when Christian Cornelius' right to share in the estate.

Gen. John M. Hood Is Dead.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 18.—Gen. John M. Hood, president of the United Railways and Electric company, and for many years president of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad prior to its sale to the Gould investment, died Monday night after a short illness following a severe breakdown. He, it is said, is well known.

MINNESOTA NEWS

Interesting Items Gathered in the Gopher State

Important Meeting.—The first annual meeting of the Great Northern Valley Immigration and Development association of Minnesota and North Dakota, held in this city was inaugurated by the delegates from all sections of the valley. The session was devoted entirely to the business of the organization and especially to the negotiation of a constitution and by-laws.

State Auditor R. G. Iveson was a delegate from the association, and spoke formally of the benefits to be derived from organized efforts carried out by the association. He congratulated the association on representing a section of country rich in soil, and dignified in climate and active with life awakens business men.

A. L. Craig, general traffic manager of the Great Northern road, spoke on the interest railroads had in development work and predicted that the association would result in much good to the Red River Valley.

Letters were read from James J. Hill, Walter G. B. Iveson, secretary of the public affairs committee of Minnesota Commercial Club; C. L. Sawyer, secretary of the Minneapolis real estate board; H. V. Eya, secretary of the Duluth Commercial Club; Gov. John A. Johnson and others.

Doubs are Cleared.—Information has been received at the local land office which clears all doubts in the minds of those who have filed upon land in the Chippewa reservation at Fond du Lac.

Final proofs on lands in this reservation and the instructions just received those who had made application for final proof prior to the order issued will be permitted to complete their filings.

The order says that contracts may be made for the lands in this reservation, but that no new filings will be permitted until this question is settled.

All the unseeded lands, known as the ceded Chippewa lands, are specifically withdrawn from sale, occupation, or disposition until the probable purpose of this withdrawal being to allow a survey of the lands to be made, under the provisions of whether they come under the provisions of the drainage act.

Wolves Kill Sheep Pen.

Crowley, Minn., Dec. 17.—John Hanson, a farmer living northeast of here, wolves in that section of Polk county are unusually numerous and vicious this winter. Hanson says that a few nights ago wolves broke into his sheep pen and killed twenty-nine of his sheep, besides maiming a number of others so badly that they had to be destroyed.

Hanson says that he was aroused about 2 o'clock in the morning by a howling in his sheep pen, and dressing hurriedly went out to see what was the trouble. He said he found several large timber wolves in the pen worrying the sheep. They apparently had satiated their appetites and were getting restless, and were chasing the frightened sheep about the pen and snapping at their heels.

Hanson was unarmed, but yielded lastly in an attempt to frighten the murderers away. They paid no attention to his howling, and it was not until he armed himself with a club and went to attack them that they slunk away, snapping and snarling.

Chased by Wolves.

Evoleth.—After a wild ride of five miles, during which he was closely pursued by a pack of wolves, James Bartosen reached this city late at night. One of his horses was mangled and Bartosen was badly injured. He estimated that it probably will cost him the supper with a homesteader, his horse and other things in this city. He was not long after leaving the homesteader's shack that he discovered that Grand Rapids was followed by a pack of wolves. He whipped up his horse and by keeping them at top speed he escaped the wolves. He says that several of them were very close upon him at times that he feared the wolves would reach the scratches made by their claws.

Annual Meeting.

The official announcement of the annual meeting of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society has been made by Secretary E. W. Randall, who calls attention to the fact that the meeting will be on top of the train, and delegates made by the state law organizing the society. Representation of the society is from local agricultural organizations throughout the state or counties where such organizations are organized, by appointment of county commissioners. Delegates are also permitted from such societies in foreign countries.

The meeting will be held in the assembly room in the court house on January 9 and 10, at 10 o'clock in the latter day. The election of officers will take place. The railroad rate of fare and one-third has been made.

NEWS NOTES.

St. Paul.—The city controller figures that there will be a deficit of \$45,000 in the city treasury.

Crookston.—Detective Walsh, of the Great Northern railroad, passed through here Friday at Crookston. He was arrested at Mendota, N. D. whom he arrested at Mendota, on a charge of having stolen about \$100 in gold during the excitement caused by the fire which recently destroyed the depot at Mendota.

Winona.—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Youmans entertained about 200 guests at the Hotel Winona, which is in honor of the city's gold wedding.

Hoop.—Harry Ott, employed in a drug store here, has been bitten by a mad cat which was sent to Chicago to receive treatment.



Lonsdale.—J. C. Drosda, postmaster here, has managed to buy the clothing of Duvalis Lumber Company, containing \$1000 by shooting.

Hopkins.—The large Great Western depot burned at a 6 o'clock in the morning. The express and freight was lost. The damage amounts to about \$1,000.

Grand Rapids.—Herman Kling, thirty years old, who has lived on a homestead near here, Hopkins, about five miles above Cohasset, has been missing from home more than four weeks.

Leitch.—Joe Huntington is the latest victim of a bear in this vicinity. He was shot by Sam Bard at Hanson's farm, near here, a rifle bullet struck him in the shoulder on his right thigh.

Mankato.—Brahman Chitt, of the Omaha freight train No. 31, was wounded by a falling brick. The cars bumped and crushed his head. His home was at St. James.

St. Peter.—Although a great many farmers have been crippled in corn fields, Mr. J. H. Johnson, of Mankato, township probably the first woman who has a hand crushed in one of the daily machine accidents.

Mankato.—Theodore G. Thornton, a hard working and prosperous farmer living in Sanderson township, Brown county, was found lying on the road a mile and a half from his home, with his skull crushed.

Brainerd.—The residence of B. Rennew was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss on the building is \$2,000. Insurance \$1,000, on contents, \$1,500. Insurance \$600. J. C. Jamieson's loss on goods stored is \$700, with an insurance of \$200.

St. Paul.—E. K. Slater, state dairy and food commissioner, announced the appointment of John McCabe of St. Peter, the new state dairy and food commissioner, to succeed Milton A. Trenham, the appointment to be effective January 1st.

St. Peter.—Lieutenant Ralph P. Tate, Jr., of the Philippine constabulary, who was wounded in a battle against the Pulajanes on the island of Leyte on Dec. 6, in a Minnesota man, was taken to Philadelphia by a veteran Chicago & North-Western engineer and lives at New Elm.

Moorehead.—Sensational charges are made against a woman residing in the eastern part of Clay county, in the vicinity of Muskego and Hawley. According to Justice of the Peace Harry of Hawley, 10,000 railroad ties belonging to the Northern Pacific railroad have mysteriously disappeared.

Moorehead.—Fire has damaged the Dwight mill here to the extent of \$11,000. The fire started from a hot iron in the mill, which started the fire. The sparks dropped down into a bin of wheat and started a fire, which was difficult to put out. Finally the wheat bin was flooded and the fire was extinguished.

St. Paul.—John A. Ryan, state hotel inspector, made his report to the state auditor for the quarter ending November 30. He reported that the state receiving \$175,000 in fees. His expenses were \$447, which added to his salary of \$100, makes a total of \$547, leaving a deficit of \$371,500 for the quarter.

Grand Rapids.—J. Bert Brannick, wanted in Illinois, Iowa, for a crime alleged to have been committed in 1902, has been arrested by Deputy Sheriff John Baiter and taken to the city jail. Brannick was under indictment in Allison, Iowa, for the murder of a man there four years ago. He is held in the city jail.

Mankato.—John Pelzer, who lives in section 2, Decora, probably secured the largest return per acre of any farmer in the county by growing 100 bushels of thirty-bushels of wheat to the acre. He raised thirty bushels of wheat, and fifty bushels of oats, on a strip in the northern portion of his farm devoted to wheat was \$150 per acre.

Grand Rapids.—The prosecution of C. C. Miller, former treasurer of Innesa county, will be postponed until next month, on account of an application for a continuance before Judge Spooner. A notice of the motion for the term, but it was not expected anything would be developed on the hearing which would be productive of delay.

Northfield.—D. E. Warner, a brakeman, was fatally injured here yesterday and died a few hours later. Warner was on top of the train, and slipped, fell to the ground. He was caught by a track beam and was dragged along the track for some distance before the accident was discovered and he was taken to the hospital. He was five years old, single, and lived at Hastings.

Crookston.—Edith, the two-year-old daughter of C. W. Wilder who lives here, is dead as the result of having swallowed a pin. She had been playing on a chair and had picked up a pin and started to climb down. The pin was overturned, and in falling the track was forced down on her throat. As soon as the mother discovered that her child had swallowed a tack she started a physician to the hospital, but the child was dead.

Minneapolis.—The building being erected at the soldiers' home, Minneapolis, for women who were in the army or navy in the Civil War is nearly completed, and it is expected that work will be ready to begin during the first part of January.

Duluth.—The working house of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Port William, Ont., was destroyed by fire Friday. Three large tanks of the main structure are one of them in the chair of the blaze is unknown. The cause of the fire is not known.

Two Harbors.—It is probable that next spring will find several sheep ranches established in Lehto county on a silver lode.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER.

ED. C. GOTTRY, Editor and Prop.

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PINE CITY, MINN., Dec. 21, 1906

A Prosperous Creamery.

The total amount of milk received at the creamery of the Royal Creamery company, at Greeley, during the month of November was 185,595 pounds. Average test, 4.8, or in butter fat, 8.530 pounds. Total amount of money paid to farmers on pay day, the 20th inst, was \$2,395.19. Highest check was received by Fred Grote, amount, \$83.77. Henry Stelzer second highest with a check amounting to \$57.00. Amount paid for butter, 31 cents a pound. The board of trustees of the Creamery Co. will meet on the 28th day of January, together with the appointed board of receivers, at the residence of John Boeck, at 1 o'clock p. m. This meeting will be held for the purpose of examining the accounts of the past year and to determine if the books were kept in the proper manner. The board of receivers consists of the following: Louis Fahrenholz, Ole Haglin and Fred Sturmer. The personnel of the board of trustees: F. W. Priem, Wm. Peters, and Jno. Boeck. On January 7th the shareholders of the creamery will hold the annual general meeting at the town hall in Royalton. The session will commence at one o'clock and all are invited to be present.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Supervisors of the Town of Mission Creek, Pine County, Minn., up to the 22nd day of December 1906, at one o'clock p. m. at the Town Clerk's office at Heroun, receive sealed bids for building a bridge across Pokegama Creek, on the line between Sections No. 30 and 31, being three miles west of Heroun, and to furnish all the material for the same. The plans and specifications can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Supervisors: **Jos. Sebesta, Town Clerk.**
Dated at Heroun, Minn., December 6th 1906.

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News of the Week.

Chips Picked up Around Town and Vicinity.

R. P. Allen transacted business in Hinckley Wednesday.

Col. J. E. Stone of Rush City, was a Pine City visitor yesterday.

M. C. Muldon, of Superior, is visiting with the Bracketts family.

L. A. Sleumb visited with his brother in St. Paul Wednesday.

Marshall Wiley, the insurance man, is visiting with his family in this place.

Jan. Jordan was here from the town of Clover Wednesday and yesterday.

Hert. Barcum came home from Hamline university yesterday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Edmunds arrived from St. Paul yesterday and is a guest at the McKusick residence.

Arvid Ahlberg, of Minneapolis, is a guest of his aunt, Mrs. G. W. Swenson, at Potoski lake.

A. W. Piper was taken quite seriously ill Wednesday afternoon and was forced to take to his bed.

Miss Mae Hurley entertained a number of friends at the M. J. Hurley residence Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Eddy arrived from Duluth Tuesday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harte.

Only two more shopping days after today and then—the Xmas. Have you helped to deplete the stock in town?

A brand new December baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gupit at the copper mine last Friday morning.

A special meeting of the village council was held Wednesday evening at which time a liquor license was granted Theo. Busnelmer.

J. J. Mudden, of the Farmer's Exchange, shipped a car of hay to Chicago, a car load to Duluth, and a car load of flax to Minneapolis on Tuesday.

Leo Naiser, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Naiser, crashed three fingers of his right hand quite severely Tuesday morning, while playing with a sewing machine.

Superintendent Blankenship chartered a sleigh ride party to Hinckley last evening. They went up to attend a school entertainment which was given for the piano fund.

The annual meeting of the Nessel Mutual Fire Insurance Co. will be held in Pine City on the 8th day of next month. The meeting will either be held in the Stekl or Steinplatz hall.

Henry Glanville and Albert Kruse came down from Proctor on Friday last, where they have been at work for the Maassaa road, the former as wiper in the round-house and the latter as locomotive fireman.

There will be the usual Sunday morning services in the German Lutheran church next Sabbath. The Xmas tree entertainment will be Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Rev. Husbener will preach at the church, beginning at 10 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Grand Army hall on the 4th of next month, at which time the officers for the ensuing year will be sworn in. A dinner will be served. A full attendance of the old soldiers and their wives is requested.

This is an age when one gets slammed for jostling. It pays to be the soul of sobriety when talking to a high E voice on the other end of a phone line. A sour human is a bad joke. Let's all smile in chorus. This is no local; it is merely a jest, and we expect to get slammed for publishing it.

School closes today for a two weeks' vacation which the teachers and pupils will undoubtedly appreciate after their hard grind during the past few months. Miss Hinckley expects to spend the greater part of her vacation visiting with friends here, otherwise the teachers from away will go to their homes.

The new bridge across the Snake river between Pine and Kanabec counties is under way. The span is about completed, and work on the approaches will be commenced at once. The bridge is expected to be ready for traffic in the early spring. When finished the bridge will shorten the distance from this place to Oranston about two and one-half miles.

Gust Peterson was here from Roy-alton Wednesday.

Z. M. Edwards was at Sandstone the first of the week.

F. M. Crocker, of Finlayson, was here on business Monday.

Angus Gunn, of Sandstone, was a county seat visitor on business Tuesday.

Miss Mae Hurley went to St. Paul to spend a few days among relatives.

John DeFraug and several companions from Henriette were in town yesterday.

County Atty. M. H. Hurley transacted legal business in Duluth the first part of the week.

Carl Brandes leaves tomorrow for Wyeville, British Columbia, where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. Ed. Galles returned on Tuesday's limited from Jordan, where she spent a week with relatives.

The Presbyterian ladies will hold a sale and supper in Grand Army hall this afternoon and evening.

Dr. E. L. Stephan and daughter, Ruth, of Hinckley, were visiting relatives and friends in the county seat Sunday.

Miss Lydia Payne, book-keeper for the Pine City Milling & Elect. Co., was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

Don't forget the entertainment and basket social to be held this evening in the Pine Grove school house on the Government road.

Louis, Wenzel and V. Valvoda arrived from St. Paul yesterday to spend the holidays with their parents about three miles north of town.

Rev. H. J. Meland will conduct Norwegian Lutheran services Sunday, December 23, at 11 a. m. in the St. Croix school house. All welcome.

Wm. Henderson, who is working in the woods west of Willow River, for Jas. E. McGrath, came down on Wednesday to spend the holidays with his parents and friends.

A Christmas sermon will be preached in the Presbyterian church, next Sunday morning, and in the evening special music and general exercises in the Sunday school will be held.

The Sunday school of the Rock Creek M. E. church will give an entertainment consisting of a program and Christmas tree on Saturday evening, December 22nd, at the church.

The out-of-town guests at the Schultz-Bauman wedding at Potoski lake last Tuesday were Florence and Will Oster, of White Bear, and Mr. and Mrs. Bauman, parents of the groom.

J. A. Peterson, station agent at this place, who has been away on a six weeks' vacation, returned home on Friday last and has again resumed his labors at the depot. W. H. Sweet, of West Duluth, who came to relieve him departed for his home yesterday.

Moses Skorish, of the firm of A. Skorish & Son, of St. Paul, who is running a branch store in the new Volence building, departed Sunday morning for St. Paul to remain for a few days. During his absence he left the store in charge of his brother, Abe.

Joseph Thiry De Lamock, who lives on the Brunswick road, two and a half miles west of here, had the misfortune to fall from his sleigh Sunday morning, while getting ready to attend church, and dislocated his left shoulder. At present he is doing as well as can be expected.

Evangelist Hogg's subject for next Sunday morning at the M. E. church will be "The Open Heaven." Sunday evening he will preach on "A Boreman on Heaven." Special music will be rendered at these services and the meetings promise to be interesting. You are cordially invited to be there.

There are two words, simple enough in themselves, that introduce untold trouble into the world and are responsible for more gossip, scandal and harm than any other two words in the English language. These two little words are nothing more than "They say." They have done more to ruin reputations than any other thing. If you never quote what "they say," you may be quite

certain you are not a gossip. But if you find yourself telling your friends at all times what "they say," and at the same time lifting your eyebrows and shaking your head, you may rest assured you are saying something the world would be better for not hearing. —Ex.

George Kuz and brother-in-law, Clyde Allen, arrived from Proctor last Friday, where they have been at work for the Maassaa road, to visit with the former's parents, Frank Kuz and family. Mr. Allen will remain until after the holidays when he will depart for the state of Washington to remain for about three months.

Albert Ferrari, the Swedish photographer, arrived from Minneapolis last Friday and now occupies the gallery recently vacated by A. D. Seeley. — Mr. Ferrari comes well recommended and his advertisement in this issue all he asks for is a trial in which he guarantees his work. His family resides in Minneapolis and will not move here until next spring.

A Thousand Dollars Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurman, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, Ohio, writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel and stones with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicine until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick-dust-like fine stones, and now I have no pain across my kidneys and feel like a new man. It has done me \$100 worth of good." Sold at Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

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Get your Fresh outs and Candy at the Drug Store.

For sale—One No. 3 Cylinders incubator. New. At half-price. Inquire or address the Pioneer.

Christmas buyers can get some great bargains in Fancy China, Dishes, Flower pots and Jardines, at Breckenridge's Bargain Store and Best Room. Monday the 24th, Monday only at just half price. Don't want to miss the articles, and you get the advantage. Better look this up.

Window glass for sale at the Midland Lumber and Coal Co. E. F. Guller, manager.

Dressmaking and Plain Sewing. Call on Mrs. Kilgore and Miss Hallway. Shop on corner opposite Rybak block.

Dr. Swartout, the dentist, will be at his dental parlors in the Rybak block on the 20th and remain until the 14th of January.

For Rent—A 7-room house, with good well and barn. About 5 minutes walk from post office. Inquire of S. Kilgore.

Wanted—Man to clear 160 acres of land 3 miles west of Beroun. For particulars write to the owners, Lovell Bros., Pisk, N. D.

For Rent—My new store building 26x50 feet. Jos. Valence.

See the line of local views on trays, photographs etc., made of fancy albumen, at the Drug Store.

The auction held in the new Volence building on Saturday last drew a very large crowd, and the goods all went at bargains for the purchasers. Remember next Saturday will be the last day of the stay of A. Skarish & Son, and that their complete stock will be sold at auction on that day. Don't forget the place and date, the new Volence building, tomorrow (Saturday) December 22.

First pick the best. Call and see the Christmas novelties, plain and fancy Linens, needlework, materials and ready-made fancy work at Susan Shucrer's. Mail orders filled promptly.

Get some more of that coffee on sale at Wiley's 15c up.

Dr. K. W. Knapp, dentist, permanently located in the new Volence building. Phone No. 61.

Will trade horse for cows. Inquire of F. A. Sleumb, at Hotel Agnes.

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Watch for Claggett's rental notices in this column.

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Pineapple for Consumption.

It has long been known by the natives of South America that the juice of the fruit of the ripe pineapple, being of such antiseptic qualities, will thoroughly destroy the germs of catarrh, consumption and la grippe. A preparation known as Syrup of Pineapple Expectoant, prepared by Bea Bros. & Co., contains these essential qualities. It is sold by L. E. Breckenridge for 50 cents.

Open the bowels and get the cold out of your system. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup opens the bowels and at the same time allays the inflammation of the mucous membrane. Contains Honey and Tar. Drives out the cold and stops the cough. Absolutely free from any opiates. Conforms to the National Pure Food Law. Sold at Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

Report from the Reform School.

I. G. Gluck, superintendent, Praytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicines, we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and absolutely harmless." Sold at Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

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The Christmas Guest

BY CHARLES H. CRANDALL

Cold sweeps the wind in every hill and valley,
Its kisses glaze the rivers and the sea,
It drives its steeds through avenues and alleys,
And laughs to see the shivering people flee.
Yet by the hearthfire glowing the north wind shall not rest,
Where glad hands are bestowing cheer for the Christmas Guest.

Good people all, wherever ye are dwelling,
In crowded streets or on the lonely farm,
Join in the Christmas message, sweetly swelling,
And make each home a haven bright and warm.
For hearts, if true and lowly,
The ministrations are,
Where comes the Child-Guest holy
With love, the guiding Star.

MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS

By SUSAN HUBBARD MARTIN

There were three girls of them, all merry, light-hearted and thoughtless, but this evening a new seriousness was upon them. For one thing, mother had gone to bed with a sharp neuralgic attack that somehow was becoming, of late, a too frequent occurrence. Another was that father had just given them their Christmas allowance, for it was the 18th of November, and they had already begun to plan for the great day.

"Chris," he had said, as he handed each one a crisp \$10 bill, "this year you must really make this do. Don't get me wrong. Times are hard, money not easy to get and necessary expenses must be met, so remember that while we all love Christmas, and indeed, we ought, yet we are not expected to give more than we are able. Peace on earth, good-will to men! means more than a mad rush at bargain counters, when one endeavors to make \$10 do the work of \$25. We all try to do too much, and under the strain the sweet old merry Christmas of long ago has lost its charm."

He had put on his overcoat and gone out, and Mag, Joyce and Fan sat and looked at one another.

"I've stung you to give Dees a more expensive present than I did last year," said Mag, gloomily, gazing at the fire. "Just imagine my humiliation Christmas day when she sent me that beautiful watch box, and all I had given her was a little picture in a plain oak frame. I blush now at the thought of it!"

"Don't say a word," broke in Fan, tragically. "I suffer mortification of the spirit a hundred times when I think of the little I can give. Ten dollars and 27 friends and relations to make presents to."

Joyce looked up. Joyce was the youngest, and she wore a brown school dress. Her chestnut curls were tied with scarlet ribbons. "I say," she began quickly, "that's time the Christmas reformation began in this family. Three girls, Fan 17, Mag 16 and I 14½. Not one of us able to earn a penny, and all striving every nerve to make it harder for father and do something we can't afford. I'm like Dad. Christmas don't mean a mad rush at bargain counters to buy things for people who half the time don't care for 'em when they get 'em. Useless and impossible articles, too, most of 'em are, but we poor misguided mortals will take 'em just because they're marked down from \$15 to \$9 cents. The facts in our case are these, father's poor, he works hard, but mother isn't well. I say it's time to stop. I shall simply tell Bel (and who has a dearer friend than she in these days) that all I can give her is a set of mats for her dressing table. I'll make 'em as pretty as I can, and there'll be lots of love to go with 'em, but there I'll stop."

"But she'll give you something handsome," put in Mag.

"Can't help it," replied Joyce, "for father's rich and mine isn't. If she thinks any the less of me for it, why she'll have to do it. Last year you spent all we had and didn't have one cent left to remember mother with, and I went up to the attic Christmas afternoon and cried about it. That reminds me. I'm going up to see how she is."

Mag sighed. "Isn't Joyce a character?" she said to Fan when the younger sister was safely out of the room.

"Joyce," replied Fan, decisively, "is of a dear. I wish we were more like her. I'm not sure, too," she added, thoughtfully, "but that she is right."

"Oh, don't you preach," cried Mag. "We've got obligations, we have friends, and the result is our \$10 will



On Christmas Morning.

melt in their behalf like snow before the sun. I'd be ashamed to look them in the face if I didn't."

Joyce crept softly into her mother's room. The light was turned down low. The figure on the bed did not stir. Joyce slipped over and looked down at the pale sleeper. "Darling mother," she whispered, "how white her cheeks are, and her hands, too, how thin. I wish I might kiss them. I'm glad she's gone to sleep. Perhaps when she wakes the pain will be gone."

She turned to go away, but a pair of slippers sitting side by side at the foot of the bed arrested her. She stopped and peered one up, stroking it softly. Joyce was always the affectionate one of the family. Then she looked at it. The sole was pitifully thin, and there was a little break in one side. Mother's wrapper lay carelessly folded over the back of a chair, where she had put it, even in her pain,

Joyce looked at it also. The slippers had been patched, the collar mended, Joyce remembered with a sudden pang it was the last case mother had.

She swept the wrapper off the chair, and took up the little worn slippers, when she went down into the sitting-room. Mag and Fan were still there.

"Chris," cried Joyce, dramatically, holding up the old wrapper. "Do you think we girls ought to make Christmas presents when our mother has to wear clothes like this? See how she's patched the slippers, and the collar, too, and just look at these slippers!"

The girls did look, and as Joyce held hers, a shudder ran upon them. Each girl remembered the patient figure in the worn slippers that went about a ceaseless round of duties day by day, with no thought of relaxation or enjoyment. The work must be done, the father's meals must be on time, the girls must have their company and their holidays. There was little time or money left for her when three of her girls were properly fed and clothed. And at Mag, Fan and Joyce looked at the patched, threadbare wrapper, it told a tale more eloquent than any words, representing to these three hitherto thoughtless daughters the sacrifices daily made for them, and never mentioned.

Fan wiped a tear away, so did Mag. Joyce's eyes were already full.

"If we don't take better care of mother, perhaps we won't have her very long," said Joyce, solemnly. "Chris," she added, "let's do something. Say we put five dollars out of our ten away for her, and fix up her things. I will, anyway. I'm going to get her a handsome pair of Julietts all trimmed in black fur, and stuff enough to make her a pretty dressing sacque. Mag, will you make it?"

"Mag sprang up. "Yes, I will, Joyce," she cried, "and I will give \$5 too. I never realized that mother was wearing quite as poor clothes as these."

"I'll give five," said Fan, slowly. "We haven't money enough to go round anyway. Let us do brave and tell our friends so. Perhaps in the end they'll thank us for it."

When mother came downstairs that Christmas morning, she gave a start of surprise. A gay little wreath of holly hung by the window. Attached to it was a large white card which bore these words:

"MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS.

May She Have Many of Them."

A pretty brown wrapper with velvet collar and cuffs hung over the back of her favorite chair. A dainty pair of bonnet shoes lay beside it, trimmed in black fur. Near them was a dressing sacque, soft and warm, of some gray material finished off by a touch of scarlet and a bow of ribbon. A shawl of white and blue hung over one arm of the chair. Two pairs of high gloves lay across it. On the sofa was a handsome comforter of pink silk-laine artistically knotted with blue. This was Fan's gift, and

MADONNA AND CHILD.



Christmas in Bethlehem

How the Glad Holiday Is Celebrated in Christ's Natal Town.

"The little city of Bethlehem is set upon a hill which is crowned by the Church of the Nativity, writes Marion Harland. The Grotto, which all sects of believers have agreed upon as the birthplace of our Lord, is directly under the church and entirely dependent for light upon artificial means. A silver star is set into the pavement of a semi-circular niche, above which is an altar adorned with the usual churchly symbols. By the light of 16 colored lamps, suspended under the altar we read the inscription in Latin:

"Here Jesus Christ was Born of the Virgin Mary."

The long line of pilgrims penetrated themselves, one by one, and kissed the star, some with drooping tears—all, silently—solemnized beyond the range of speech. It did not aid to our solemnity to be shown the manger, decorated with lace and an embroidered altar-cloth.

The really impressive things were occasional glimpses of the rough stone walls and roof of the ancient stable, visible here and there between the gaudy decorations.

The service of Christmas Eve began at half-past ten at night and concluded at half-past two in the morning. At midnight a lullaby from the organ preluded the supreme moment of the occasion—the sudden folding back of a curtain above the altar, revealing a manger-cradle and a box wax doll. The exultant outburst of organ and choir in a magnificent Gloria in Excelsis accompanied the stately procession of the entire staff of priests and acolytes, chanting and swinging censers while they bore one altar, the same doll, dressed in cambric and lace, and nestling in the embrace of the richly apparelled bishop.

Every incident of our last night in Jamat's camp in Bethlehem recurs to me with peculiar distinctness. How, as the darkness deepened, the red, blinding eyes of the charcoal creators of the wonderful portable stove presided over by our accomplished chef in the door of the kitchen tent—the night being breezeless—shone upon the under side of the olive boughs sent on of what had happened in the old town behind us.

We spoke longest of David's Greatest Son, and our first thought was to draw the eyes and thoughts of all nations to the little city on the hilltop in the land of Judah.

At midnight, I sat wakeful by the rush and burden of thought. I arose and to look from the tent door upon the

watchful stars that here have a conscious majesty I had never recognized elsewhere, and wondered anew where, amidst the glittering hosts "marshaled on the nightly plain" had flashed the Star of Bethlehem. For the last time

in our eventful series of journeys we saw the dawn reddens the mountains of Moab, the thin crescent of the waning moon dying, while we gazed, before the brightness of the coming sun.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Christmas bells, Christmas bells,
On the air the music swell,
All join in the gladsome lay;
Christ our Lord was born to-day.

Christmas bells, Christmas bells,
O, the joy and cheer which tell
Of our Saviour's lowly birth,
Peace and good-will to the earth.

Christmas bells, Christmas bells,
On the air the song still swell,
See the Star of Bethlehem shine
With a light so bright divine.
—Marie Meriam.

A Difference.
Christmas comes but once a year,
And in that respect differs from the
collectors who call to collect for
Christmas expenses.

A Mythical Scapgoat.
"Do you think children should be encouraged to believe in Santa Claus?"

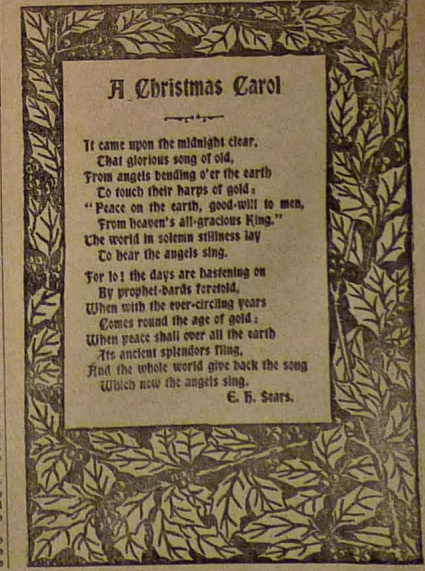
"Yes," answered the man who never looks happy. "A little touch of the supernatural keeps them from being too frank in expressing dissatisfaction with their Christmas gifts."—Washington Star.

Provision Sure Enough.
"Are you making any provision for the future?"

"My wife is."
"Your wife is?"

"Yes, she's just bought her Christmas fruit cakes."—Houston Post.

Three Times.
Christmas in reality comes three times a year—at Christmas, and before and after.—Life.



A Christmas Carol

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending o'er the earth
To touch their harps of gold—
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold.
When shall we see all the earth
In peace and splendour fill'd,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.
—E. F. Sears.

