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 Ed. Paulsipher
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 Sheriff..... O. D. Hedge
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 Gerhard Ohmstede

Looks as if Castro would have a lonesome Christmas.

There will be big stick doings in the Outlook office after March 4.

Next thing Holland will pack Venezuela in her suit case and take it home.

That steel Mr. Schwab is making now must be gold-plated and full jeweled.

Dynamite is not the only thing that has been exploding over the Panama canal.

Where, oh, where are the 25c toys of our boyhood? They mount up to the V's and X's now.

It is no joke after all. A dispatch says that four persons who ate frankfurter sausages contracted hydrophobia.

We haven't precise information as to the other points of the Dutch warships, but they carry very formidable names.

Carrie Nation was warily received in Glasgow, says a headline. There is generally a hot time in Carrie's neighborhood.

May be Emperor William will be able to wriggle off his muzzel long enough to pass out a few remarks on President Castro who is about to visit Berlin.

While Mr. Roosevelt is in Africa, we wish he would find out for sure whether a jackrabbit can kill a bull moose and put a stop to this nature faking business.

The woman who wants the ballot does not mind when she is called a "crude reformer". She realizes that all reformers are crude and rude to those whom they jostle.

By all means let us discourage bribery in our baseball management. It is bad enough to corrupt suffrage by money inducements. If we may not have clean government, still there should be clean sport.

According to reports, President-elect Taft intends to appoint only one Ohio man to the Cabinet, and they were expecting at least three. Still Ohio will know more than one way to make up the deficiency.

"Uncle Andy" Carnegie has announced that he is two years older than he thought he was. With all her blunt frankness, we cannot imagine Mrs. Hetty Green making any such statement concerning herself.

A Boston couple love each other, but can't live together. She says he's a splendid man, "and he says" she's a good woman and a fine housekeeper, but I can't live with her. Any body got a remedy for cold feet?

The idea of combining the Hudson and the Lincoln celebrations into one seems to be on much the same principle of the Iowa Justice who sentenced a man to be hanged on the fourth of July as there wasn't time for both festive events separately.

The Christmas Spirit.
 There is a peculiar charm about shopping that pervades the atmosphere at this season of the year. If a casual observer were to walk up and down Webster Street and "look in" at the busy counters of our merchants he could not fail to be impressed with the gay countenances of the shoppers so different from the everyday purchaser of odds and ends for personal use. He "or she" is buying that which will be a gift to gladden the heart of some friend or relative.

The pleasure it is destined to give is already anticipated and reflected in the face of the giver, who experiences a foretaste of Christmas joys to come.

The element of "self" seems scarcely to enter into Christmas shopping, and verily is forgotten. Thus we are happy. It is the Christmas Spirit—the joy of giving!

Special Meetings.
 The long looked for Evangelistic meeting next Sunday, the singing Evangelist Milles will deliver his first message in the morning, be sure and hear him. Strong preaching and good singing will be special features of these meetings. All singers are invited to join choir during these meetings, the outlook for a great work of grace is encouraging—come and help. A most cordial invitation is extended to non-church goers. Come, and you will be sure of a hearty welcome.

High School Closes.
 The High School closed their work before the holidays, December 18, with a program in the afternoon consisting of a song sung by the school, duet by Misses Green and Fulton, reading by Irene McGuire entitled "Kentwood," a song by the quartet, reading by Nita Argabright entitled, "Dickey's Xmas," after which Father Fitzgerald gave the scholars a delightful description of "Christmas in Foreign Lands," which the school greatly appreciated.

Good To Remember.
 (Washington Herald)
 A church somewhere, no matter where prints on the back of little slips—programs denoting the order of service—these words:
 I will not worry.
 I will not be afraid.
 I will not give way to anger.
 I will not yield to envy, jealousy or hatred.
 I will be kind to every man, woman and child with whom I come in contact.
 I will be cheerful and hopeful.
 I will trust in God and bravely face the future.
 Read them again, they are worth while. You might cut them out and paste them in your hat, indeed. If you will resolve to live by them even for one week—you will be a great deal better for it. This is not a Monday morning sermon not at all. It is just a Monday morning suggestion. "Blue Monday", you know, is a good time to begin a new order of things.

If you will get these words into your mind good and strong—you will find that living up to them supplies you with all the religion, all the philosophy you need. You cannot go wrong if you follow these precepts

Letter List.
 List of letters remaining uncalled for at postoffice at Red Cloud, Neb., for the week ending Dec. 17, 1908:
 Buzz Boston,
 Lanny Dewey,
 A. W. Strouwen,
 H. W. Sholl,
 Roy Thomas,
 Wilder Voight.
 These will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 31, 1908, if uncalled for before. When calling for above please say "advertised."
 T. C. HACKER, Postmaster.

WASHINGTON LETTER.
 The political situation during the past week has been replete with interesting events and episodes. The Panama Canal deal has been the subject of unfounded charges against the government and those nearly related to the President, and of indignant and vindictive countercharges coming direct from the President in the shape of a message to Congress and containing threats of libel suits against the chief offender, the editor of the New York World.

Congress is writing under the stinging lash of the President charging it with an effort to choke off or scotch detective activity with regard to its members. Some members of Congress (like some of the rest of us) would not care to have too strong a searchlight turned on all their outgoing and incoming. The President knows who some of them are and he is perhaps waiting with some impatience for the National Legislature to rise in its holy wrath and repudiate the insinuation. Congress, or at least some Congressman will not play with fire for fear of an explosion. The President is merciless in his exposure and his denunciation and what they have done in the closet he is capable of proclaiming from the housetops of their constituencies in a way that all men and their wives will hear and believe him. It is a little short of shameless how some members and Senators make the United States treasury pay their election expenses and even bribe their constituents. The common remark: "They all do it" renders it not one whit more respectable or less dishonest.

There are Navy yards on the New England coast and on other coasts that are supported by the United States for no other reason than that a Senator or a member of Congress has use for them to sustain his political fortunes by keeping him in Congress. These navy yards are too small for modern warship construction therefore useless ships are appropriated for and hundreds of men are employed and millions of dollars are paid in wages (wasted) to the friends and political henchmen of certain Senators and members.

The lower House of Congress has just passed a bill for the next Census with a provision that the clerks are to be selected independent of the Civil Service competitive examinations. Every member of Congress knows that this is not in the interest of economy or efficiency. Wright and Porter, two capable superintendents of the Census are on record as regretting that the service under them was not included in the classified civil service examination list. Wright especially, believed the cost of the last Census has been increased to the extent of two millions of dollars by the neglect of the application of the Civil Service to the selection of clerks. The motives of Congressmen in relieving the Census appointments from the necessity of competitive examination, are open to everyone. They are seeking appointments for their political supporters or their relatives, their sons, their wives, cousins, aunts and mother-in-laws who are constantly after them for some place at the public crib. They cannot fight publicly against the Civil Service law. With the country at large it is too popular. It has been deemed a service that was scarcely less rotten than that of Russia or China. But they are desperately hungry for patronage. In putting the large body of the fourth-class Postmasters under Civil Service protection, these congressmen have been robbed of much influence and they are trying to recoup themselves through the Census Office and at the expense of the country at large.

Some few members of Congress are independent of patronage. All of them should be. To well inform, enlightened statesmen, patronage is a curse. It curses him that gives and him that receives. The person who gets the office is an ingrate and the twenty who fail to get it can become enemies. But the average congressman is not an enlightened statesman; he is a small politician.

There is still time for the Senate to amend the House bill by inserting a clause insisting on competitive examination for the Census offices appointments. Without such examination, thousands of incompetent persons will be appointed. Moreover, many more persons than are needed will get offices and the cost of the Census will be greatly increased by politicians insisting on having their friends taken care of. The public good demands that the thousands of persons to be employed in taking and publishing the next Census should be appointed for efficiency and independently of political pull. The Senate has an opportunity to further establish itself in the confidence of the country by insisting on amending the bill so that the Census Office, like the other offices of the government, shall be filled with clerks chosen for their efficiency and not because they need places but because the government needs a clerical force chosen on the principle of the survival of the fittest.

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