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Advertising as a Business Factor. Publishers' Guide, New York. If one thing is more apparent than another in the wonderful newspaper development of the end of the nineteenth century...

Christmas cheer comes only once a year. Peace on earth, good will to all men—except the Boers.

General Buller's Christmas pudding, which he was to eat in Pretoria, evidently burned on the bottom.

Up to date the prince of Wales has not volunteered to go to the field of carnage in the jungles of South Africa.

There will be no wolf prowling around the door of the widow and family of General Lawton and there ought not to be.

Paul Vandervoort is going to Cuba for the winter. Somebody ought to notify the defenseless Cubans to be on their guard.

With all its generals in the Transvaal England will be in rather a sad plight if the French should suddenly take it into their heads to invade Britain.

Our old maid friends can console themselves anyway that whether the coming year is the first of the twentieth century or the last of the nineteenth, it will only count one in reckoning up the age limit.

The weather man has not favored us with traditional Christmas weather, but he has been especially kind to that class of people who can hardly afford to buy fuel and to whom cold weather brings much suffering and distress.

The Crookers are going to build a million-dollar fireproof hotel. This hotel is not to be in Omaha, but in San Francisco.

You can never make the clerks in the postoffice believe there is not an armload of presents there for every man, woman and child in the city.

The current number of Harper's Weekly reproduces an excellent photograph of President McKinley and Assistant Secretary of War McKillop strolling together down a Washington avenue.

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NONPARTISAN CITY GOVERNMENT. It goes without saying that the tendency of American municipal management is on the line of the nonpartisan ideal.

The most novel and by all odds the most practical scheme for divesting municipal government from all party bias has been improvised and recommended by the municipal code commission of Ohio.

The Ohio ideal charter for the government of cities divides all municipalities into two classes—cities and villages. The only difference between cities is in the number of officers created by city ordinances.

To guard against a misuse of the appointing power a complete merit system will be applied to every executive officer, except the mayor and heads of departments.

The most novel and interesting feature of the new departure is, however, the nonpartisan election scheme. Nominations for municipal offices are to be made by caucus or convention.

Another striking feature of the proposed Ohio code for cities is to be found in dealing with franchises. It is proposed that every city shall have the right to own, control and manage its own telephone, gas, electric lighting and water plants after the people have decided upon such action.

The home rule section of the proposed Ohio code is also an innovation that will meet with great favor among municipal reformers.

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THE RIGHT KIND OF GIVING. The announcement that Andrew Carnegie is about to present to the city of Lincoln a \$75,000 public library building, conditioned upon the furnishing of a site and an assurance of an annual appropriation for maintenance and current expenses, reinforces the fact that there is a right kind of giving and a wrong kind of giving.

The wrong kind of giving, of course, is that which panders to the selfish desires of the individual—gifts which are consumed one and for all time and leave no traces of good accomplished.

The monetary stringency is due to various causes. There has been during the past year an unprecedented expansion of trade, prices of commodities have advanced, labor has been active at increased wages, all of these conditions making a demand for more money.

The gold production of the United States for the past year shows a heavy increase and will help out the shortage from the Transvaal. Whenever the world is short of anything it calls on America to let out another notch to supply the deficiency and it always results, the gold in the treasury having risen \$200,000,000 within the year.

Both these forms of money are a virtually fixed quantity. It has thus been impossible to satisfy the unprecedented demand for these forms of money.

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PLANTS FROM HANUS HORN. Many lose their souls to save their skins. Spiritual vision is not material blindness. It is a mistake to be forever weeping copies.

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THE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TREE. On this sharp winter's night child-eyes are bright. And their voices full with gladness. For well they know strange fruit doth grow On the wonderful Christmas tree.

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